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## Membership Of Churches Up

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 14 — Church membership in the United States is up just under one per cent over figures reported a year ago, according to latest information compiled by the National Council of Churches. The total given is 122,778,656 compared to 124,682,422 recorded last year.

The Council's 1968 Yearbook of American Churches, published Jan. 15, qualifies membership and other church statistics by pointing out that they "are not all current but are the latest available." The reader is warned not to consider them more than "a general indication" of church membership.

The reason for this disclaimer, said Dr. Lauris B. Whitman, editor of the Yearbook, is that church statistics have always suffered from inadequate computing and reporting facilities. Definitions of membership vary from denomination to denomination as do fiscal or reporting years.

Departing from the practice followed for most of its 50-year history, the current Yearbook prepares the way for more accurate all-around reporting by separating current and non-current data. Of 241 religious bodies listed, 124 reported their most recent statistics, aggregating a total, inclusive membership of 104,867,944.

Non-current tables carry figures ranging from 1936 re-

ports to reports that are a year or two out-of-date. Dr. Whitman explained that the combined total of 125,778,656 is published only to permit comparison with former years.

Eventually, Dr. Whitman hopes, viable church statistics will be possible as new data collection processes are developed, and a uniform application of computer practices is adopted. With the increase of substantive data on religious life in the United States, an analysis of the state of the churches will then be based on more accurate compilation of facts than ever before, he said.

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## State Receipts

### Show Gain 32.5%

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first two months of this convention year, ending December 31, totaled \$526,226.46, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

This is an increase of \$128,952.90 or 32.5 percent over the \$397,273.56 given the same period a year ago.

Receipts for December totaled \$286,379.91, an increase of \$55,864.95 or 24.2 percent over the \$230,514.96 contributed in December a year ago.

## Positive Actions In Race Relations Urged

By The Baptist Press

Baptist leaders in 13 states and two Southern Baptist Convention agencies have simultaneously released statements urging Baptists to take positive actions to improve race relations and help prevent a rash of race riots in 1968.

The two statements urged Baptist churches to open their doors to people of all races, Southern Baptist Convention agencies to consider employment of qualified Negroes at every level, and Baptists to tackle the root causes of racial rioting—injustice, poverty, unemployment, crime and family breakdown.

The statements were timed for release just prior to observance of Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 11, in Southern Baptist churches.

They were issued by the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, and by the staff members of departments of work with National (Negro) Baptists in 13 states and at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

An open letter to Southern Baptists from the workers with National Baptists which was published in the January issue of Home Missions magazine in Atlanta called on individual persons, all Baptist pastors, all SBC churches, all associations and state conventions, and all SBC agencies to take specific steps toward improved race relations.

On the individual level, the National Baptist workers asked all persons "to open heart and mind, home and church to all people" regardless of race, and to work in employment, education and housing for the Negro.

All Southern Baptist churches were asked "to be open to

any person as a means of witnessing to him," and to "close your doors to no man, that your ministry not be a negative one, but a positive one."

Baptist associations were urged to create joint committees with National Baptists to work together on a community level. It was suggested that speakers from both Southern and Negro Baptist organizations be placed on the programs of the respective associational meetings.

Negro speakers were also suggested for state-wide Baptist meetings and assemblies. The National Baptist directors further proposed joint sessions of the Negro and Southern Baptist state conventions, conference sessions for discussion of relevant topics, or joint rallies on missions and evangelism.

On the national level, all educational institutions were urged to open their doors to

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NEW OFFICERS, elected by the Christian Action Commission, are, from left: W. B. Rives, Jackson, recording secretary, (reelected); Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Hazlehurst, chairman; and Dr. Samuel Shepard, Tupelo, vice-chairman. Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, (right) is executive director.

## Action Commission Names Officers, Adopts Statement

The Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has elected Rev. Rowe Holcomb of Hazlehurst as chairman and adopted another in a series of policy statements.

Mr. Holcomb succeeds Rev. E. F. Hicks of Waynesboro. Other officers elected at the meeting of the body held Jan. 12 are Dr. Samuel Shepard, Tupelo, vice-chairman, and W. B. Rives, Jackson, layman, recording secretary (reelected).

The policy statement, dealing with "Work — Leisure — The Poet," released by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, executive director of the Commission, is as follows:

"Wealth without work seems to be the universal quest. Devious ways are being sought to get the necessities and even the luxuries without the 'sweat of the brow.' 'Free-loading,' 'relief handouts,' 'clock - watching,' 'long coffee breaks' are common place.

"Work is avoided as much as possible and tolerated only enough to draw the pay check and all the fringe benefits. A study of fallen civilizations reveals one contributing cause to be the idleness of the citizenry. There must be a revival of the sense of the dignity of labor and the stewardship of energy.

"The Bible identifies work as a holy privilege. In the Genesis account of the crea-

tion, Adam was made overseer of the garden — 'to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.' Gen. 1:28. Joyous work becomes toil only because of one's attitude. The burden of work lies in the fact that in most every

job there is some facet one does not enjoy. But to be happy in one's work brings a great sense of achievement. Work gives identity and meaning to one's character in the expression of his personality. Our talents are God-given, so we speak of 'my work'. Work is not an end to itself but a means to an end. We do work, not only to make a living, but to make a life.

"Work is a moral and religious obligation." (Continued On Page 5)

## Is Baptist Preacher

### Viet-Bound Sergeant Leaves Six Children

COLUMBUS, Miss. (BP)—A Baptist airman who is leaving his six motherless children behind to go to Vietnam, said here that he did not realize there were so many good hearted people in the world, until telephone calls by the hundreds came, offering to care for his children.

Staff Sgt. John L. Wolfe, an ordained Baptist minister, is leaving his three oldest chil-

dren in the Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown, Kentucky, an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, while he spends a year in Vietnam.

Since the death of Mrs. Wolfe in 1966 the air force sergeant has washed and cooked for five of the six children, ages 4 through 10. Sergeant Wolfe said that he has received hundreds of calls from concerned individuals, since the nation's press reported that he would have to leave the children behind to go to Viet Nam.

In California, the editor of the California Southern Baptist, sent a telegram to President Lyndon Johnson urging him, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, to countermand the orders sending Sergeant Wolfe to Viet Nam. "I beg you, in the name of human compassion, to keep this man at home," said Editor J. Terry Young in the telegram to President Johnson.

Sergeant Wolfe must report to Phu Cat, South Vietnam, on February 25. Since his wife's death of a brain hemorrhage, twenty-two months ago, he has been eligible for

## NEWS BRIEFS

### 97 Per Cent: 'I Believe In God'

PRINCETON, N. J. (EP) — Against the harsh aspects of today's society comes news that out of every 100 adults interviewed by the Gallup Poll, 97 attest to a belief in God.

Apparently the American people aren't as ready as their theologians to say that orthodox religion is becoming outmoded and that it is no longer possible to believe in a Supreme Being.

While the finding is impressive, it should be pointed out, the pollsters say, that "some people say they believe in God because they think it is the 'right' answer to give."

### Majority Oppose 'Monday' Holidays

NEW YORK (EP) — A majority of Americans would oppose

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## The Ticking Of The Clock

By W. A. CARLETON

I would prefer that you forget that we're assembled in what is called a convention and that the time has arrived for the presiding officer to deliver an oration or pronouncement in connection with his office or official duties.

Instead, think of my words as one side of a quite informal discussion in which we are considering a situation which is close to the hearts of all of us. Then as you think of the problems raised and the solutions suggested, let us as occasion and contacts permit talk back and forth to each other concerning the work we love and the best way to honor Him who has called us into his service.

I propose to offer for your consideration three questions and then to comment on each one and suggest a possible

answer:

(1) What made Southern Baptists tick? (2) Has something happened to the ticking? (3) Shall we throw the clock away?

I know how easy it is to idealize the past and to attribute to it a glory which it did not really possess. The mere passing of time does not make beautiful something that was ugly or a success of something that was a failure. But in any way one measures success, Baptist history affords some examples of glory and progress that thrill our hearts today. Who has not rejoiced as he reads of that little handful of Baptists back in 17th century England who dared to challenge the ecclesiastical and temporal lords and rulers of the realm with the principle of soul liberty, and who overcame in

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## Top Story Named By Other Groups

In the world of religion, several groups and periodicals chose top stories of 1967. While the Southern Baptist top stories, dealt only with events within the convention, others have pointed out the news in the whole religious scene.

In its story of "The Year In Religion" Religious News Service listed Viet-Nam protests, the Mid-East war, "Black Power", the anti-poverty program, the "fading" of the hippie movement, Reformation anniversary, events within Roman Catholicism, and church-state relationship among the many important events in the field of religion in 1967. It did not choose a top story.

Moody Monthly, a conservative monthly religious journal, made a survey among several evangelical editors, who chose five top stories, and listed several other important ones. Its number one position was given to the Arab-Israeli war, chosen be-

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## STATE STUDENT STAFF CONFERENCE HELD LAST WEEK AT MOORHEAD.

The annual State Staff Conference, sponsored by the Department of Student Work and attended by the student directors from throughout the state, was held Jan. 10-12 at Moorhead. Center photo shows part of group in an informal discussion conference at which several church staff mem-

bers were also participants. Picture at left shows four student directors in moment of fellowship. From left: Miss Kathryn Bearden, Gilroy School of Nursing; Miss Betty Jane Frew, Hinds Junior College; Rev. James A. Breland, Delta State College, and Rev. Louie Farmer, University of Southern Mississippi. Photo at right shows several leaders

at special luncheon. From left: J. T. Hall, president of Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead; Mrs. Hall; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of Department of Student Work; Rev. Granville Watson, pastor Moorhead Baptist Church, and Rev. Jimmy Smith, pastor of First Church, Raymond.

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pose passage of proposed legislation fixing major holidays on Mondays, according to a Harris Survey released here.

The poll showed that 64 per cent oppose a holiday change bill now pending in Congress. Thirty-one per cent would approve.

Persons were asked to respond to seven holidays, including Christmas and New Year's. The others were Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Washington's Birthday, Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day.

## Fewer Protestant Churches Proposed

LYNN, Mass. (EP) — The number of Protestant churches now serving Lynn, an industrial community, would be reduced by 65 per cent if the recommendations of a study for the Greater Lynn Ministerial Association were carried out.

New "guidelines" set forth in proposals advocated are designed to enable "the Protestant church to meet the challenge of the Space Age."

Under the plan, subject to extended discussion by the churches involved, Lynn's present 45 to 50 Protestant churches would be reduced to 15-20. The plan would do away with the neighborhood concept and have one church of each denomination serve a large area. With the transportation facilities of today, people can travel to where their needs are best met, the study held.

## 'Aid' Issue Barred From Convention

HARRISBURG, Pa. (RNS) — The issue of state aid to parochial schools was ruled beyond the scope of the limited constitutional convention meeting here to rewrite four sections of Pennsylvania's basic law on local government, the judiciary, apportionment and taxation.

A floor fight on the matter is pending, despite efforts of convention officials to ward off the issue, which they say caused the rejection of a new constitution in New York State recently.

The church school aid ruling, issued at the convention level, is expected to be appealed to the floor of the convention by backers of parochial school assistance.

## Pornography Panel Named

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — President Johnson, as directed by Congress last year, has named an 18-member commission on obscenity and pornography to determine whether some kind of constitutional action is needed to regulate distribution to salacious material.

Three clergymen were named to the panel, along with 15 others prominent in publishing field, social research, and the law. The group is to present a report not later than Jan. 31, 1970, to the President.

Father Morton A. Hill, S. J., executive secretary of Operation Yorkville, Inc., of New York City; Rabbi Irving Lehrman of Temple Emanu-el in Miami Beach, Fla.; and the Rev. W. C. Link, executive director of the Four-Fold Challenge Campaign in Nashville, are the clergymen serving on the panel.

## 'Bible As Lit' Course Upheld

OLYMPIA, Wash. (EP) — The Washington State Supreme Court ruled 8-1 here that the University of Washington may continue to offer a course in the Bible as literature without violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

This, despite the appeal of Attorney Douglas Smith, representing the Rev. Thomas W. Miller of Calvary Bible Presbyterian Church in Seattle and the Rev. Harold Webb of Tacoma's Bible Presbyterian Church.

The ministers and a number of taxpayers and parents of students in the Lake Washington School District first took their case to the local and state school superintendents before it could be taken to the courts.

## Africa Christians May Sever Ties

LONDON (EP) — A movement among African Christians to sever ties with the churches of Europe and North America is growing rapidly, according to the London Observer.

Writing of the phenomenon, Cecil Northcott says more than 4,500 African churches, with a membership of nearly seven million, are saying that their brand of Christianity is outstripping the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches on the continent.

The most remarkable growth of the separatist movement was said to be in the Republic of South Africa where 3,000 African churches have more than three million members.

## Annuity Ministry Makes Writing To Widow Easier

By W. R. Roberts, Annuity Board Secretary, Mississippi

If you had the job of writing a widow whose preacher husband had just been killed, what would you say? Would words come easy, or would you be like the Annuity Board officer who prayed that the words he penned would bring some comfort?

It is never easy to frame words of comfort, but the job at the Annuity Board is made a little easier when the family can be told of coming benefits. Such a letter was written recently to a widow and three children after her 36-year old husband had been killed.

He had been in the Annuity Board's life and protection plans which entitled his widow and children to benefits amounting to \$42,000 cash from the Life Benefit Plan, plus monthly benefits from Plan "A" of the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

The widow will receive a widow benefit each month as long as she lives and remains a widow; each child will receive a child benefit until he reaches 18 years of age. And when each child gets ready for college, there will be \$2,400 awaiting him for four years of education.

The potential benefit this family could get amounts to more than \$71,000, even though the father had been in the Program for about 14 months. For these benefits, he had paid

Compassion and concern by the father and his church for such a time as this certainly made the job of writing his widow and children a little easier.

## Former Baptist Building Worker Loses Father

Jack Anderson, of Petal, passed away Dec. 26 as a result of a heart attack while hunting. Funeral services were held Dec. 28 in Petal. Mr. Anderson was the father of Mrs. William Sellers, wife of the music director of First Church, Canton.

Mrs. Sellers will be remembered as the former Miss Jeannette Anderson, office secretary for several years in the Training Union Department at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

## POAU Discusses Religious Affiliation Of Candidates

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)

According to Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Senators Eugene J. McCarthy and Robert F. Kennedy, as potential Presidential candidates, face the same religious problem that President John F. Kennedy confronted in 1960.

In the January issue of its monthly review, Church and State, the organization which is also known as the POAU (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State) presents an article on "Religious Affiliations of the Candidates."

The Senators, both Roman Catholics, will encounter trouble, according to the publication, because of their stands on aid to church-related schools and their Church's law on the question of contraceptive birth control.

In discussing the school aid situation, the American's United article calls Sen. McCarthy "the darling of the Citizens for Educational Freedom, a Catholic laymen's front set up to agitate for public funds for parochial schools."

Stating that Sen. Kennedy has never made a commitment on federal aid to church-related schools, the article cites his support of the recently defeated proposed New York State Constitution which would have repealed a long-standing ban on state aid to parochial schools.

Stressing that neither Senator has made a statement on the subject of birth control, the article declares:

"Both in words and in deeds the public performances of Sen. McCarthy and Sen. Kennedy on such issues has failed to match the unequivocal stand taken some years earlier by the latter's brother. If there is any 'religious problem' in the coming political campaign, it lies with these men and they alone can resolve it."

The other candidates discussed were:

President Johnson — A member of the Disciples of Christ. The POAU publication notes that he is "quite ecumenical in his worship habits," citing attendance at Episcopal, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic services.

"For the record," the magazine article states, "it should be noted that President Johnson pushed through Congress the famous 'compromise' under which federal funds began to find their way to parochial schools."

Nixon A Quaker  
Richard M. Nixon — A Quaker. The article mentions that many members of that denomination are conscientious objectors to military service. This raises a question, the publication maintains, "as

to what effect this background might have on Mr. Nixon should he become commander-in-chief of the armed forces."

"Mr. Nixon is not himself a conscientious objector," the POAU says, "having served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946. His long record in public service removes any question as to his complete freedom to operate as his duty may dictate in this area."

George W. Romney — A Mormon. The American's United analysis cites that Church's rule that its Negro members may not be admitted to full priesthood. The magazine article says:

"Such a teaching conceivably might influence Mr. Romney's stance in regard to legislation affecting the Negro, particularly civil rights. But the notion is quickly offset by Mr. Romney's own frank disavowal, and more especially by his impeccable record in the area of civil rights."

Regarding Governors Ronald Reagan and Nelson A. Rockefeller, "no immediate denominational issues are suggested in their cases," the article maintains. Gov. Reagan is a member of the Disciples of Christ and Gov. Rockefeller is a Baptist who "retains his membership at the liberal Riverside Church of New York City. He also attends the Protestant Union Church of Pocantico Hills."

Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York, an Episcopalian, is termed a "dark horse contender" by the POAU publication. Claiming that the New York mayor "has been altogether forthright on the church-state question," the article cites as an example his opposition to the proposed New York Constitution.

Sen. Charles Percy is a Christian Scientist and the

Americans United maintains that this may raise a question as to what the Senator's attitude may be toward the nation's many public health programs. It added:

"The Senator has cleared

any possible doubt on such matters by his own unequivocal statements" and more especially by his support of such programs when he deemed them in the public interest."



SEVERAL LEADERS are seen looking over materials at the first of a series of clinics currently being sponsored by the Christian Action Commission and held at the First Church, Meridian. From left: Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, Commission executive director; Dr. John E. Barrow, program chairman, Lauderdale Pastors' Conference; Rev. Wm. B. Webb, chairman Pastors' Conference; Rev. Marcus Smith, moderator, Lauderdale Association; and Rev. Leon Young, superintendent of missions.

## Education Problems

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Alaska, suffer from flood; more than 100 Baptist laymen rally to aid in the cleanup and reconstruction job. 135 points.

3. Baptists in two states reconsider school ties: Maryland Baptist College may be dissolved; Kentucky Southern ties dissolved, and merger with University of Louisville called off. New Baptist school in West Palm Beach, Fla., delayed until Billy Graham decides whether to build school on that site. 122 points.

4. Speeches at Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings in Miami Beach emphasize shift towards social action, ministry to human needs. 117 points.

5. Vietnam war issue concerns Baptists. Resolution at SBC, many state conventions urge "just and honorable peace" in Vietnam. Two editors urge Congress to settle issue, or pull out troops. 106 points.

6. Southern Baptists make progress in race relations: first Negro foreign missionary appointed; Kentucky convention urges dual alignment with Negro convention; Nashville Baptists hold inter-racial rally to pray for end to race riots. 97 points.

7. Baptist Participation urged in ecumenical evangelism; Dialogue Cape Kennedy. Key Bridge meetings involve Baptists. 72 points.

8. SBC Home Mission Board changes plans to lead evangelistic crusade in South Africa over race restrictions; individual pastors, evangelists carry out crusade anyway. 65 points.

9. SBC in Miami rejects "reapportionment" proposal to limit representation of small state conventions on SBC boards. 64 points.

10. Baptists express concern

in War on Poverty: Billy Graham says he's been converted on poverty war; Hubert Humphrey urges Baptist meeting in Washington to support poverty effort; three Baptist officials named to top War on Poverty posts during year (Bill Crook, VISTA director; Ralph Phelps, Atlanta OEO director; Ross Coggin, VISTA Atlanta administrator). 54 points.

The editors each picked the ten top stories of the year, and points were scored on the basis of their ranking. The ballot was prepared by the Baptist Press staff in Nashville and included a list of 25 stories from which to pick.

Other top stories according to ranking by the editors included: (11) North Carolina Baptist Association sets baptism rule, alien immersion issue raised in Arkansas and New Mexico; (12) Atlanta Bible project seeks to distribute 1 million copies of New Testament; (13) Two special studies conducted on urban crisis — seminar on urban studies in Washington and survey of 114 downtown Baptist churches; (14) Plans projected for Baptist work in the 1970's; (15) War in Middle East affects Baptist missions work on both sides.

(16) State convention, SBC agency leadership changes: new SBC Foundation head, four new state executive secretaries, three new editors; (17) tie: New (30th) state convention formed in Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota; and (17) New grading system proposed for SBC churches in 1970; (18) SBC approaches 11 million members; enrollments, baptisms decrease; (19) New religious liberty law passed in Spain; and (20) Detroit riots erupt blocks away from state Baptist offices.

## Positive Actions

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qualified Negroes for study; and SBC agencies were asked to consider "employment of qualified Negroes at every level where it is feasible."

Both the workers with National Baptists and the executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission urged Baptist churches to observe Race Relations Sunday on Feb. 11 as a step toward improved race relations.

"What Southern Baptists do about the racial crisis in the summer of 1968 will be determined in large measure by what we do about Race Relations Sunday on Feb. 11," observed Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

"The threat of a racially explosive summer in the months ahead could be significantly lessened if we as God's people would do to our Negro brothers as we would have them do to us in the remaining months of this winter and spring," he added.

Valentine issued a plea for Baptists "to get at the root

causes of racial rioting—injustice, poverty, unemployment, crime, and family breakdown—with God's Good News in Christ."

"To do evil in the current racial crisis is unthinkable; to do nothing is not an honorable alternative; and to leave the initiative to others is hardly a live option for the people of God," Valentine added.

The January issue of Home Missions magazine which published the open letter to Southern Baptists from the SBC workers with National Baptist also included an editorial by Walter L. Knight who wrote that it may be time for a bold, corporate act on the part of all Southern Baptist ministers as they observe Race Relations Sunday.

"If we believe that the Gospel is for all men, including those who live in our city regardless of race or language or caste, then why not on the forthcoming Race Relations Sunday this February let everyone say so, publicly, in no uncertain terms," concluded the editorial.

## Wm. Carey Offers Evening Classes

William Carey College will be offering a full schedule of nine evening classes for the Spring semester which opens on January 29, according to officials from the college.

Of great interest to the general public is the offering of Bible 310, a concentrated study of Johannine Literature. Dr. Don Stewart, Chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, will teach the course. This will be given free of charge to Baptist lay workers in churches in the Hattiesburg area who would like to enroll.

"This is equivalent of a \$66 scholarship," commented Dr. J. M. Ernest, academic vice president. The class will also include regular students from the college, but will be open to outsiders free in order to help Sunday school teachers and other Christian workers to better understand the Bible. A number of scholarship forms have been sent to pastors of churches in the Lebanon Association, and others are available in the Public Relations Department of the school. The only prerequisite is that the person be endorsed by his church and his pastor. If college credit is desired, the person must have completed high school and must present a transcript to this effect. For those who merely desire to audit the class without credit, no such requirements are made.

Johannine Literature will be taught each Tuesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning on Tuesday night, February 6.

Other courses which will be available to outsiders, with regular paid fees, include the following:

Monday: Accounting 222, Principles of Accounting; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sellers; Business 411, Personnel Management, Paul Argo; Geography 301, World Cultural Patterns, Jack Rogers; Sociology 411, Racial and Cultural Minorities, T. W. Perrott. Journalism 318 will be taught on Monday evening also. Along with Johannine Literature to be taught on Tuesday night, History 462, Britain Since 1603 will be offered by Milton Wheeler. On Thursday evenings the following subjects will be offered: English 102, Composition and Literature, Ralph Howell; and Spanish 101, Mrs. William Clawson. Each class will meet regularly each week from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. For further information, interested persons may call Dr. J. M. Ernest, Academic Vice President, 582-5051.

fices, Michigan convention aids victims.

Several editors added stories they felt were significant to the ballot, but none earned enough points to rank in the top 20.

Other stories which received votes were: Monday holidays bill proposal dies in Congress; study of church vocations says prospects encouraging, first Baptist World Alliance observers named for Vatican Lay Congress; new Social Security law makes minister participation mandatory; father of David Fite (imprisoned missionary to Cuba) and doctor visit Cuba, plea for Castro to release Fite and Caudill; relationships with other Baptist groups in America; continued Baptist expansion in pioneer areas; continued expansion of work of SBC Home and Foreign Mission Board; Crusade of the Americas stories; Baptists still divided over federal aid question—North Carolina and Virginia look with favor, South Carolina rejects federal grants.

## Chinese Church Formed In Toronto

A Chinese-speaking Baptist church has opened in Toronto, Canada, a city of nearly 2 million residents and one of the major financial centers of the country. It is the only such Baptist church in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec in east and central Canada.

It was organized under the sponsorship of the Beverley Street Baptist Church in Toronto and one of the leaders of the Chinese congregation is Kar Boon Leung, who had been a deacon and Bible class teacher in a Baptist church in Hong Kong. Leung speaks Chinese and English. (EBPS)



HOUSTON SBC ARRANGEMENT CHAIRMEN: Steering committee chairmen to coordinate arrangements for the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in Houston June 4-7, meet to map plans. Seated are (left to right) Lee Porter, chairman, pastor of First Baptist Church Bellaire; and co-chairman Hermond Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston. Standing are the two assistant chairmen of the steering committee, O. A. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Spring Branch; and D. E. Sloan, area missions secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. (BP) Photo courtesy of Houston Chronicle.



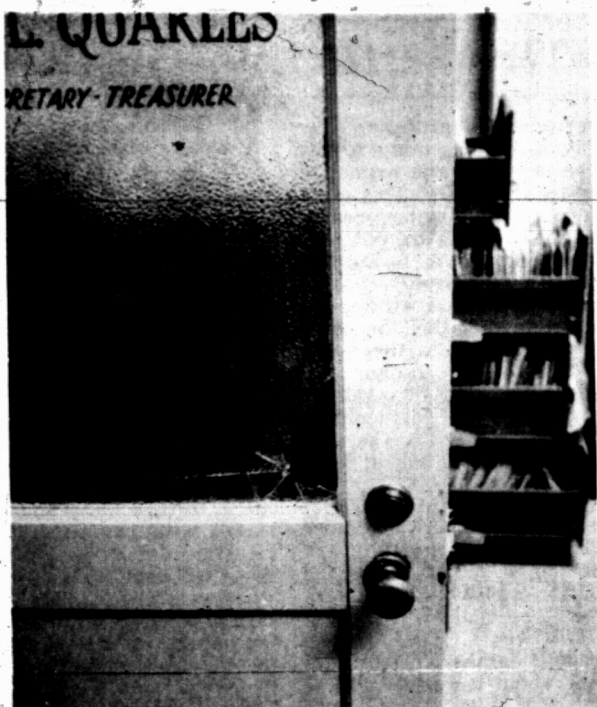
## Free Help Is Offered For Church Libraries

NASHVILLE—Every Southern Baptist church is eligible for free library help from the church library department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Included is a Free Library Offer consisting of books, audio-visuals, and vertical file materials. By completing outlined steps, any church which is beginning a library service may apply for these free materials. Cooperating with the Sunday School Board in the offer are the Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission.

In addition, each new library is given one set of the Church Library Development Plan. This material, consisting of twelve lessons, is designed to guide a church library staff through a step-by-step process in organizing and operating the library.

Further information concerning these free materials may be obtained from the Church Library Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.



## Burglars Break Into Baptist Building Thursday Night Of Last Week

Burglars entered the Baptist Building in Jackson on Thursday night of last week and ransacked several offices on both main floors.

The only things they took were a few loose stamps and a few dollars in cash, mostly in change left in drawers by employees, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

The intruders broke into several locked filing cabinets

and desks and also broke several door locks to gain entrance into the offices.

The only place where they apparently could have entered was a window in a rest-room in the basement, according to Jackson police, who are investigating the case.

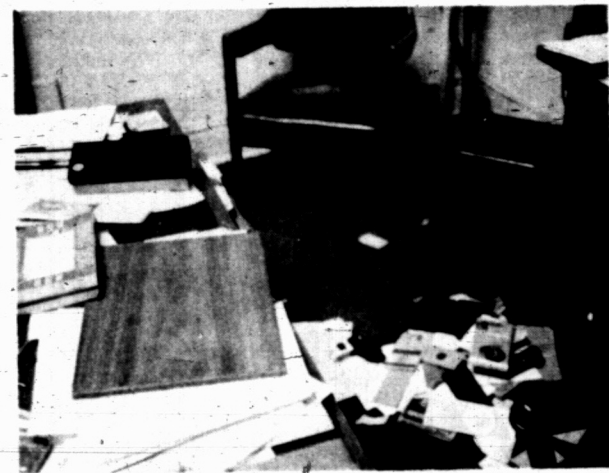
Dr. Quarles stated that no cash is ever kept in the building overnight as all checks and cash received in the mail each day is deposited in the banks the same day.

Photo at top left shows door of office of Dr. Quarles with ransacked files in view.

Picture at left shows view of Dr. Quarles' office.

Photo in top center gives view in bookkeeping office, where the intruders did most of their ransacking.

Picture at right is another view in bookkeeping office.



## Church Members Up

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For the last reportable year (1966) carried in the current issue, the Yearbook remains bonded to former practices. And an introduction warns the reader that he may use the figures to draw conclusions only "at his own risk," for the Yearbook can only accept "responsibility for accurately reporting information and statistics furnished to it by the various religious bodies and organizations themselves."

Thus it is found that church memberships for the second successive year lag behind the general population increase by 2.10 of one per cent. While the population increased in 1965-66 by 1.1 per cent, church membership registered an 0.9 per cent increase. Comparable figures for the previous year were 1.3 per cent for the general population increase as against 1.1 per cent for church memberships.

Current membership in the 34 Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox communions constituting to the National Council of Churches total 42,251,245—higher by 304,655 than last year's total of 41,946,590.

Quoting the 1967 edition of The Official Catholic Directory, the Yearbook reports that Catholics in the 50 states now number 46,864,910—including all families of the defense forces both at home and abroad, the diplomatic and other services overseas. The

new total reflects an increase over 1965 of 618,735 or 1.3 per cent and just 0.2 per cent above the general population increase.

**SBC First in SS**  
While the upward trend in Catholic college and university enrollments continued, in Catholic elementary and high schools decreased. Catholic Sunday school enrollments are reported in third place with 5,145,742, while the Southern Baptist Convention reports 7,601,095 and The Methodist Church 6,758,905.

Contributions to their churches by members of 60 Protestant denominations in 1966 reached a total of \$3,266,533,260. This amount is over \$94 million more than was reported in 1965 by 40 Protestant and Anglican organizations. The per capita figure of all-purpose giving rose from \$77.75 in 1965 to \$127.09 in 1966. Dr. Whitman points out that 20 additional denominations are included in these statistics for the first time.

Of the total, \$676,420,421 was earmarked for benevolences such as home missions, foreign missions and overseas relief.

For congregational expenses U.S. Protestants in 60 denominations gave \$2.6 billion in 1966. The Yearbook—quoting information released by the U. S. Department of Commerce—records a new high in religious building construction: \$1,174,000,000 representing an increase of \$189 mil-

## Viet-Bound Sergeant

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a hardship discharge from the service, but Wolfe has decided he wants to make a career of military service, and does not want the discharge. He has been in the service for 13 years.

An ordained Baptist minister, Wolfe served about a year ago, as pastor of a small rural church near the Columbus Air Force Base where he is stationed, the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

A supervisor of sentry dog handlers, used for guard duty at the Columbus Air Force Base here, Wolfe made an appeal to Mississippi congressman to change his orders to go to Vietnam, so that he would not have to leave his children.

**Senators Intervene**  
Senator John C. Stennis and Senator James O. Eastland, intervened on Sgt. Wolfe's behalf, but the Air Force position was that there are so many other service men with similar situations, it would be unfair to them to change Sgt. Wolfe's orders. They said, however, a "hardship discharge" probably would be granted if requested. Sgt. Wolfe, in reply, said that he was willing to serve in Vietnam, but felt an obligation to care for his children at home, if there was some way some way to get his orders changed.

He said that his three oldest children, Wanda, 10; David, 9; and Jonathan, 7, have already gone to the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home in Middletown. His mother lives at Valley Station, Kentucky, only about 15 miles from the children's home, near Louisville, and she will keep George, 5, and Ralph, 4, while Wolfe is in Vietnam. His brother, Richard Wolfe, who also lives in Valley Station, adopted the sixth child, who was born one week before

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University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Mississippi

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Tupelo, Mississippi

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Cecil Harper, First Church, Jackson  
Robert Spencer, Mississippi College, Clinton

## General Information

1. The four festivals this year are in lieu of the one central festival.
2. Youth may attend the festival of their choice.
3. The Experienced Singers are to memorize festival music before the festival.
4. The "First Timers" are not required to secure or learn any music before the festival. Music will be supplied to them at festival by the Church Music Department.
5. Picnic lunches should be brought.
6. Drinks may be purchased at the college.
7. There will be no adjudication.
8. Suggested dress: Girls—white blouses; Boys—white shirts and dark trousers.

## Schedule At Each Festival

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| 9:30-10:00  | Registration |
| 10:00-10:15 | Seating      |
| 10:15-11:15 | Rehearsal    |
| 11:15-11:30 | Break        |
| 11:30-12:15 | Rehearsal    |
| 12:15-1:00  | Lunch        |
| 1:00-2:15   | Rehearsal    |
| 2:15-2:30   | Break        |
| 2:30        | Concerts     |

## CLARKE COLLEGE

Sat., March 9, 1968

Conductor—  
Experienced Group



Ray Conner  
Music Department  
Sunday School Board  
Nashville, Tennessee

Conductor—  
"First Timers"



Billy Vaughn  
Minister of Music  
First Baptist Church  
Columbus, Mississippi

## BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Sat., March 23, 1968

Conductor—  
Experienced Group



James Coleman  
Music Department  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Mississippi

Conductor—  
"First Timers"



Jim Raymick  
Minister of Music  
Harrisburg Baptist Church  
Tupelo, Mississippi

## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Sat., March 23, 1968

Conductor—  
Experienced Group



Donald Winters  
William Carey College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Conductor—  
"First Timers"



Jimmy Cutrell  
Minister of Music  
First Baptist Church  
Prentiss, Mississippi

## NEW THIS YEAR—"First Timers"

We are proud to announce that we will have a "First Timers" group this year at each festival as special guests of the Church Music Department. Those who may sing in the "First Timers" group are:

Youth from churches without youth choirs  
Youth from churches which have not learned the music

## Pastors Welcomed Also

Pastors and music directors of churches without youth choirs are invited to bring their youth. No preparation necessary. No music to purchase. Music will be supplied by the Church Music Department at the Festival.

## Youth Festival Music Selections

(For Experienced Singers Only)

1. "More Love to Thee, O Christ," arr. Max Lyle, Broadman Press 455-015. (Price per copy \$25)
2. "Clap Your Hands," Nancy Roberts, Broadman Press 451-622. (Price per copy \$25)
3. "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen," arr. Bob Burroughs, Broadman Press 451-649. (Price per copy \$35)
4. "I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life," Gordon Young, Sacred Music Press E4040. (Price per copy \$30)
5. "Draw Nigh to Jerusalem," David Williams, H. W. Gray, Inc. 2410. (Price per copy \$25)
6. "With a Voice of Singing," Martin Shaw, G. Schirmer, Inc. 8103. (Price per copy \$25)
7. "Sing Gloria," Cathryn Davis, Remick Music Corp. R3158. (Price per copy \$22)
8. "My Lord, What a Mornin'," arr. P. W. Dean, Broadman Press 451-577. (Price per copy \$25)

## Registration Form

1968 STATE YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Youth Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Number planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

The festival held at \_\_\_\_\_ College on \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, March \_\_\_\_\_ 1968, is \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Return form ten days before festival to Church Music Department, P. O. Box 580, Jackson, Mississippi 39205



REV. DURELL MAKAMSON, pastor, stands in front of First Church, Durant.

## Church Has Stewardship Program

First Church, Durant, Rev. Durell Makamson, pastor, has recently completed a six-week intensive Stewardship Program using facets of all the available programs.

Mr. Makamson reports the offerings during this period were up 20 percent over the same period last year. On Tithers Demonstration Day the offering was \$1,288 compared to an average of from \$600 to \$700 per week. During the campaign attendance increased in all services. Especially significant, said

the pastor, was the number of young couples pledging to percent through the Cooperative Program and the check for October was the largest in several years.

A recent study revealed that the offerings for November, 1967 showed a 57 percent increase over November, 1966 and December, 1967 showed a 68 percent increase over December, 1966. At the same time the church exceeded the largest Lottie Moon Offering goal in the history of the church by more than \$200.

Sgt. Wolfe praised the Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown, calling it "a real nice set up, with bungalow-type cottages. No more of those big dormitories where they herd you in."

Sgt. Wolfe is now a very active member of the Antioch Baptist Church, near Columbus. The pastor of the church, Rev. Banks W. Hardy, said he was a "fine man" who felt a great sense of responsibility to his children.



## The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper  
Of Any Kind In Mississippi  
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### Christians Should Pray For New Administration

A new Governor and Lieutenant Governor, along with many other newly elected officials, have assumed office, to serve the state of Mississippi for the next four years.

The Governor is John Bell Williams, of Raymond, and the Lieutenant Governor is Charles L. Sullivan of Clarksdale. Both of these men, and all other officials who have assumed any office in the new administration, as well as those who are serving on the county and local level, should have the prayers and support of every Christian citizen of the state.

Grave problems face Mississippi and the whole nation at this time. It is possible that during the next four years the new administration may grapple with problems larger and more baffling than those faced by any administration preceding it.

In such an hour the greatest need is the guidance of God and His wisdom in dealing with the problems faced. God is concerned with the affairs of men, and does give His leadership to men when they call upon Him and follow His will.

The Bible makes clear that Christians should pray for elected officials. Paul wrote in 1 Tim. 2:1-2 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority. This is one of the most important things that we can do right now.

Let every Christian, therefore, determine now, to pray regularly for Governor Williams, for all who fill any governmental position, and for every citizen of

the state, that the affairs of Mississippi may be under the guidance of God in these coming years.

### Who Will Survive?

In a feature article, found elsewhere in this issue of the Record, Norman B. Rohrer of Evangelical Press Association, discusses a recent book which predicts "famine" for much of the world by 1975, and makes the startling statement that America will have to decide who will be kept alive. If you have not read the article, we suggest that you turn to it.

Mr. Rohrer concludes his discussion, with a paragraph on the responsibility of Christians to share the "bread of life" with the millions of lost people in the world who will perish eternally if they do not receive it. This is the emphasis which we want to explore further here, although, of course, Christians must be vitally concerned with the other threat of "famine" in the world. We do not know how correct the authors of this new book may be in their prophecy, but we do know how correct are the words of the "old book" which speaks to every Christian.

In that book, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). Much earlier, God had revealed the responsibility resting upon His "witnesses" when He told Ezekiel that if he failed to warn the wicked, "his blood will I require at thine hand." (Ezek. 3:18). From other teachings throughout the Bible, it is clear that this responsibility rests upon every Christian.

What a solemn responsibility this is! We, as Christians, have the "bread of life" needed by every individual in the world. Yet, multiplied millions die each year without having the opportunity even to hear the good news of redemption in Jesus Christ. Moreover, the population explosion increases that number every hour. Someone has figured that the world is becoming non-Christian at the rate of more than 125,000 per day, or about 1,000,000 per week. Each year there are more than 50,000,000 more unsaved people in the world, than there were the year before, and this number is accelerating continually. The reason is twofold: the population explosion, and the slow growth of Christian witness.

Christians can do little about the population explosion, other than support government programs to slow it down. They can, however, do something about Christian witness. That needs to be enlarged and expanded at a rate faster than ever before in history. This must include sending more missionaries, enlarging preaching programs, radio and television ministries, etc., but these alone will not meet the need. There is another necessity, and that is for EVERY Christian to be enlisted, trained and sent forth as a personal witness for Christ. Without this, it is probable that the "bread of life" cannot be offered to every person in the world who needs it, before it is too late for him to hear it.

One of the slogans of the great Baptist evangelistic crusades in Brazil, which sparked the forthcoming "Crusade of the Americas," was "1 plus 1". The idea in that slogan was for every Christian to win at least one person to Christ during the crusade.

This should be the goal in America. Think of what it could mean if it were actually done. There are more than 20,000,000 Baptists in the United States. If every one of them won just one person to Christ during the next two years of preparation for, and participation in, the "Crusade of the Americas", we could win at least 20,000,000 persons in just two years. Let anyone charge that we are talking about "numbers", let us remind them that we are talking about lost souls won to faith in Jesus Christ.

Fantastic to think of so many won? Of course it is, when we think in the light of the type of evangelism we have been doing. No so, however, if we think of the commission of our Lord, and the teaching of the New Testament, that EVERY Christian is to be a witness.

Has not the time come when we must try to enlist EVERY Christian, and TRAIN them for personal soul winning witness? Who else could do this better than Southern Baptists, who build their whole doctrinal concept on reaching lost people for Christ and bringing them into right relationship with God?

If we fail to do this, we continue to doom innumerable more souls to eternal hell.

The new book mentioned above says that America will decide concerning the fate of millions of people as far as physical life and death are concerned.

The Bible teaches that Christian witness, or failure to witness, will determine the destiny of multitudes of people.

The decision is in our hands!



All cigarette advertising should be ended according to the American Cancer Society's directors. In a recent resolution the directors said "Advertising is too persuasive, too valid and too vital a part of our American life to be used in the sale of such a lethal product as the cigarette. Cigarette smoking is not the result of an advertising conspiracy but the elimination of cigarette advertising may do much to destroy the social acceptance of this dangerous habit. It will make giving up smoking easier for many and it will stop the constant media pressures on the young to start smoking." concluded the resolution. The Washington Post, October-19, 1967.

The U.S. Public Health Service has released an important film on cigarette smoking. Entitled "Getting Through," the 16mm black and white film runs for a twenty-minute period. It is available on a short-term loan, free of charge from the National Medical Audiovisual Center (Annex), Chamblee, Georgia 30005, Attn. Film Distribution. (U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare)

CBS Television News has agreed to help escalate the U. S. Public Health Service's anti-smoking campaign in a big way: it will telecast a one-hour special January 16 (10-11 p.m. EST) called "The National Smoking Test." The program is designed to help viewers who smoke probe their motivations for smoking. Sponsor for the show, which CBS says may reach as many as 30 million viewers, is the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. (Newsweek, January 8, 1968)

A bad year is predicted for lotteries and trading stamps. Public enchantment with them has worn a bit thin. Merchants report that cut prices are a bigger lure to customers than stamps or a chance to win a fortune. Result: Hundreds of stores and gas stations will shed the gimmicks this year. (Changing Times, January 1968)

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- January 22 — Mrs. Erlene McIntyre, Baptist Children's Village; Mrs. Helen Jackson, maternal child health instructor.
- January 23 — Paul Adams, recording secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Mike Pulaski, Chickasaw Assn. Sunday School supt.
- January 24 — James Yates, trustee, Baptist Hospital; Mrs. Ben Sanford, staff, Blue Mountain College.
- January 25 — Ned T. Barrett, staff, Mississippi College; John R. Blair, faculty, Mississippi College.
- January 26 — Mrs. Lois Hughes, Baptist Building; Mrs. Nell Cotton, Baptist Building.
- January 27 — Pauline Davis, faculty, Clarke College; James A. Breland, Baptist student director, Delta State College.
- January 28 — C. J. Smyly, Adams Assn. Training Un-Arrington, faculty, William ion director; Mrs. Kathleen Carey College.

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**Education Commission, SBC**  
The recent Southern Governors Conference at Asheville, North Carolina, adopted without dissent a report entitled "The Negro and Higher Education in the South." It is produced by the Commission on Higher Educational Opportunity in the South.

Directing the study was Dr. James Godard, former President of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities.

In succinct fashion, the study describes the magnitude of educational deprivation suffered by Negroes.

"Fifteen percent of the South's college-age Negro population attended college last fall compared with 44 percent of the college-age whites."

"Without exception the South's traditionally Negro colleges are in dire financial need."

"The average faculty salary for Negro institutions falls about \$1,500 a year below the average for comparable predominantly white institutions," and "the median salary at private Negro colleges is about \$1,500 a year less than the median salary at public Negro colleges."

The report calls on the Southern states and private agencies to face up to the situation and make plans to meet the need. Among the suggestions:

- provide broader educational opportunities by developing junior colleges,
- provide more adequate counseling to encourage Negro students to attend college,
- improve instruction and curriculum,
- promote inter-institutional cooperation.

Copies of the report are available from the Southern Regional Education Board, 130 Sixth Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30313.

"Why are colleges and universities repositories of learning?"

"The freshmen bring a little in and the seniors take none away. Thus, knowledge accumulates!"

### Illinois Tops

#### Budget

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)—The Illinois Baptist State Association exceeded its \$1 million goal for the Cooperative Program unified budget during 1967, noting its 60th anniversary as a state convention. Total receipts for the convention for 1967 were \$1,008,057. Although the initial goal was set at \$950,000, state convention leaders decided to try for \$1 million when receipts early in the year climbed higher than expected.



### Top Story Named

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cause of its "prophetic significance," and its effect on "Christian missions." The second top story was "Unrest within the Roman Catholic Church." Others included were: 3. Adoption of the "Confession of '67" by the United Presbyterian Church. Moody Monthly called this the "most extensive renovation of its doctrinal position in its history." 4. Revival in Indonesia. "Reports from many parts of Indonesia have told of a continuing Holy Spirit movement bringing scores of thousands to faith in Christ." 5. Emphasis on Evangelism, "Evangelism in depth," "Campus Crusade," "Billy Graham," etc.

Other stories rated high in the Moody Monthly list are: Riots in the Inner City, Spain's new Religious Liberty law, The debate on Viet Nam, and some new developments in the "Consultation of Church Union."

Another leading evangelical journal, Eternity, presented and discussed the following as the top ten stories in religion in 1967:

1. Viet Nam.
2. Inner-city Vienna.
3. The Arab-Israeli War. ("Prophetic overtones—as Jerusalem controlled by Jews")
4. Presbyterian Confession of '67. ("social-action oriented, neo-orthodox")
5. Roman Catholic Ruminations. ("Ruminations come before larger tremors.")
6. The Reformation's 450 Anniversary. ("celebrated in the crest of ecumenism, oftentimes with joint Protestant-Roman Catholic participation")
7. Communication with the Dead. ("Bishop Pike espouses se-

ances") 8. Prof. Ramsey's Book: Who Speaks for the Church? ("pinpricks the social action movement when its balloon is soaring out of sight") 9. Church-state Separation ("election campaigns, particularly in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, dug up this perennial issue.") 10. Revival in Indonesia.

Other events which Eternity said deserved mention were: (1) the opening of discussions for a broader evangelical fellowship; (2) the publication of four new Bibles (Jerusalem, Scofield, Today's English Version, and 26 Versions); (3) Billy Graham's campaigns in London, Yugoslavia, and Japan; (4) Spain's Religious Freedom misnomer; (5) the death of the ephemeral Death of God theology; and (6) Svellana's much publicized defection.

### Historical Commission

Rev. B. T. Bishop Sr., of Meadville, was elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, at its January meeting.

Other elected officers were Rev. Paul R. Jakos, vice president and Dr. James B. Butler, Secretary.

Dr. F. K. Horton, Clarksdale, was elected chairman of the executive committee and Rev. Ulvie Fitts, Tupelo, vice-chairman.

The report of the activities for the year 1967 was most gratifying. Many inquiries have been received from churches and individuals during the past year.

### JERRY McAULEY AND HIS MISSION

by Arthur Bonner (Loizeaux, 123 pp., \$4.95)

Jerry McAuley was "a river thief, con man, and drunk." He served time in prison. But then he was converted and his life was completely transformed. He opened a mission on Water Street in New York City to minister to "unwashed and unwanted" men. Because of him, "millions have been fed, many wounds have been healed, and many hearts mended." The author of this beautifully-bound volume has worked as television, radio, and magazine reporter. At present he is a news writer for NBC. Profuse illustrations are all in black and white.

### MAKE LOVE YOUR AIM

by Eugenia Price (Zondervan, 191 pp., \$3.95)

Robert Louis Stevenson said, "An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding." In this new book, Make Love Your Aim, a companion to The Wider Place published last year, Eugenia Price says that anyone can be "an expert on love" if he will dare to discover for himself the love God offers. Miss Price's style is, as usual, vigorous, accurate, and highly readable.

### A HANDFUL OF CERTAINTIES

by Hodge MacLain (Eagleson, 108 pp., \$2.50)

Before this became a book, it was written in the form of air mail letters from a father to his daughter in Africa, after the terrible news arrived that her three small children had been slain there. The author illustrates how to rebuild life's ruins, as held by Jesus:

### THE TEARS OF JESUS

by L. R. Scarborough (Baker, 125 pp., paperback, \$1.50)

A volume of eight sermons to aid soul-winners, preachers by the great Southern Baptist evangelist and teacher from Fort Worth, Texas. They were preached to many thousands of hearers in great revival sermons.

### GROUPS THAT WORK

The Missing Ingredient (Zondervan, paperback, 142 pp., \$1.95)

To assist the numerous church groups and committees of today to achieve their goals, 24 outstanding leaders have here assembled articles that tell how to get a group going — and keep it going. The two sections of the book are entitled, "Groups that Work — What They Can Be" and "Groups that Work — What They Can Do."

The trustees were the Luncheon Guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. McLemore. Rev. Reid Dicken Jr., is the interim executive secretary.

## Newest In Books

### CALLING LIFE'S SIGNALS

The Steve Sloan Story by Steve Sloan with James Hefley (Zondervan, 143 pp., \$2.95)

Steve Sloan, young pro quarterback, says, "What I want to do in this book is to speak as a young person to young people. Youth will listen to youth and especially to a young athlete. They want to know what other young people are thinking about God, the Bible, the purpose of life, money, sex, patriotism. I want to tell what I believe without trying to preach." This is exactly what Steve does.

### CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

by Walter L. Cook (Abingdon, 108 pp., \$2.50)

These forty devotions for individual or group use center on the theme of personal friendship in action. They are a needed especially toward young people.

### PLEASE GIVE A DEVOTION

by Amy Boling (Baker, 121 pp., \$2.50)

Twenty-five devotions for all occasions, at least two for every month of the year, written by the wife of the assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas.

### BLUEPRINT FOR A BALANCED SUNDAY SCHOOL

by Rancy Aultman, Crank, Williams, and Small (Baker, paperback, 89 pp., \$1.50)

A practical application of the theory of Sunday school work, this small book talks of standards, officers, administration, and principles of teaching.

### THEODORE ROOSEVELT

by Joyce Blackburn (Zondervan, 151 pp., \$3.95)

This biography, written for children, presents the 26th president of the United States, in his roles as naturalist and statesman. It shows him as a man of great strength and courage, and yet a man of great tenderness, a man "who loved poetry and guns, and knew how to use both." Illustrations are by David Cunningham.

### IN THE BEGINNING

by Rita Rhodes Ward (Baker, 110 pp., paperback, \$1.25)

This series of lessons was especially prepared to give young people a basis for resisting evolutionary philosophy and holding firmly to their faith in God and the Bible.

### THE HIDDEN DREAM

by Sallie Lee Bell (Zondervan, 152 pp., \$2.50)

A romance for adults and young adults, written by a prolific novelist from New Orleans. This is the story of a young man who sets his sights on wealth and prestige—at any price—and who finds out, almost too late, that peace with God is more important.

### THE KEY'S SECRET

by Ruby Kilgore Hancock (Zondervan, 152 pp., \$2.50)

Two young people receive keys to a locked strongbox, which they are to open when they are 21. There is a strong spiritual overtone to the mysterious events that are part of this romantic novel.



HE WAS PROUD OF THEIR NEWLY ORGANIZED DEACONS, BUT IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE IT WHEN HE DIED.



THE BOARD OF DEMONS WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST MEETING ON FRIDAY EVENING!!



## Action Commission Names Officers

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gious duty and must be conceived as a vocation of ministry and service. Through work we glorify God and serve mankind. If one is working strictly for the pay check, he is more enslaved by his labor than he is a free man. Thus, the Christian will engage only in honorable and necessary work.

"Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government and society as a whole, under the principles of righteousness and truth and brotherly love." (Baptist Faith and Message, Nashville BSSB, 1963, p. 18)

### Right To Choose Cited

"No particular economic system is necessarily Christian. However, we believe the free enterprise system lends itself better than any other to the practice of Christian principles. The worker has a right to choose his own destiny whether he casts his lot with a labor union or chooses not to do so.

"There should be no antagonism between the church and labor nor animosity between the church and management. Both Christian laborers and Christian employers should heed Ephesians 6:5-9. Granted that profits must be made, persons are more important than machines or profits.

"It has been said that the American people work too hard for their leisure. While some are not poverty-stricken, they are leisure-stricken. Their compulsive activism moves them in a frenzy during their 'leisure hour'. What you do when you have nothing to do may be a test of your character.

"Redeeming the time" in

leisure or recreation must be a redemption from meaninglessness. The Bible teaches that leisure is necessary in the rhythm of work, rest and worship. Stewardship of leisure becomes a Christian responsibility in the total concept of work.

"In stressing the dignity of labor and the necessity of work, it must be remembered that some are deprived of the opportunity of gainful employment. To be sure, there are some who do not desire to work and prefer to live from the fruits of others' labor. Some are caught in the escalation of automation and find themselves unskilled for remunerative tasks.

### Many Below Poverty Level

"There are others below the poverty level who are not yet ready for work. (About fifty percent of the poor are children). There are yet others who are past the age of productive labor or who for reasons of health are unable to have remunerative tasks.

"Christian compassion (if not practical economic necessity) compels us to be concerned with these segments of people in our community. They, too, are those for whom Christ died. His statement 'the poor you have with you always' was not to infer that we are to do nothing about or for the poor.

"Baptists historically have been identified with the poverty-maimed. We traditionally adopt a church covenant in which we agree to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry and the relief of the poor."

"In recent years, we have practically abdicated our traditional and scriptural position and relinquished this min-



## NEW READING ROOM OPENS IN PAKISTAN

IN PAKISTAN — Townsfolk of Lakshimpur, East Pakistan, (top photo) gather around the new Baptist reading room. While first-day visitors to the reading room examine literature (bottom photo), other townsfolk peer in. (Photos by Charles A. Beckett)

istry to the government and private welfare units—local, state and national.

"We call our people back to

loving concern for those among us who need our help, remembering the words of Jesus 'Inasmuch as ye do it

## MUST AMERICANS DECIDE...

# Who Will Survive 'The Famine'?

by Norman B. Rohrer, EP News Service

A foreign service career officer and an experienced agronomist say the date when population will outstrip food production in developing nations is 1975 and that only the United States can decide who shall survive.

All the panaceas such as synthetic foods, hydroponics, desalinization, securing food from the oceans, etc., will not avert the certain doom, say William and Paul Paddock in their book, *Famine—1975, America's Decision: Who Will Survive?*

Only one bulk food — grain — will help when the crisis hits, they say, and only four nations have enough wheat to export: Canada, Australia, Argentina and the U. S. Of these, they say, only the United States will help. The other three are blatantly written off as being "uncharitable."

The Paddocks therefore have devised a system they call the "Triage," a term used in assigning priority for treating wounded soldiers in battlefield clinics:

(1) Those who cannot survive regardless of treatment, (2) Those who can survive without treatment regardless of the pain, and (3) Those who can be saved by immediate medical care.

Helping some nations with food is already like "throwing sand into the ocean," say the authors. Nations which

have a strong agricultural supply of resources and the desire to work on population control are the "walking wounded." Still others are nations in which the degree of imbalance is manageable and which ought to be assisted at once.

Egypt, India and Haiti cannot be saved. Libya and Gambia are "walking wounded." Pakistan and Tunisia can be saved and therefore should receive food. The United States should, the book says, consider the quality of local leadership, giving maximum non-food aid to nations "where we wish short-range political advantages, favoring nations which have raw materials required by the American and world economy, and favoring nations which have military value to the U. S."

John W. Abbot, reviewing the book in the monthly *Service News* published by Church World Service, calls it a "cold, crass, hard-hearted approach and urged his brothers to influence governments away from the 'Triage'."

The call for humanitarian assistance will probably rally more support than the call for evangelism. Yet the supreme expression of concern—in famine or in plenty—is still the sharing not of bread which perishes but of the Gift of gifts, God's only Son. In Him is eternal hope, the missing cure in the lives of so many. —NBR

## CHURCHGOING IN U. S. ROSE DURING YEAR OF 1967

PRINCETON, N. J. (EP)—Church attendance, for the first time in 10 years, rose in the United States in 1967, according to a Gallup poll.

The American Institute of Public Opinion, the Gallup agency, found that 45 per cent of all adult Americans attended church during a typical week. This would amount to about 51 million persons, the institute estimated.

A decline in church attendance began about 10 years ago — after it had reached a peak of 49 per cent of the adult population attending in a typical week. A gradual decline began then and the figure dropped to 44 per cent in 1965 and 1966.

Dr. George Gallup, director of the institute, believes that concern over the war in Vietnam was a factor which may have spurred interest in churchgoing.

He said that to estimate the church attendance in 1967 a total of 11,096 persons were interviewed.

# The Ticking Of The Clock

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against them.

And Southern Baptists have had their eras of glorious achievement. Just a short time ago in a period of slightly more than twenty years, they doubled their membership and made phenomenal strides in education and missionary enterprise in a record of which we can be justly proud. Let us briefly re-examine our characteristics and activities during that period.

How naive and uninformed were the people called Southern Baptists, as they were viewed by certain ones outside their ranks? They seemed utterly unconcerned about their "image" and intent only in working with the best methods they could devise, to reach as many people as possible with something which they called the Gospel. The criticisms of the intelligentsia, the scorn of the socially elite, the pronouncements of the politicians, all these seemed unimportant to Southern Baptists, except as they might affect the success of the endeavor to which they were giving themselves. They did not question the rights of other groups to worship, teach and propagate their faith as they saw fit, but they blissfully carried on their work in the ways they found most effective, granting that same right to all who differed with them. They were by no means static in their methods, but were continually working in an attempt to discover better means in order to win more people to an acceptance of the truth as they saw it in Jesus Christ and to a growth toward Christian maturity.

They appeared to have no doubt concerning the propriety of what they were doing. They had no hesitancy whatsoever in trying wholeheartedly to share that which they had found to be good, not only with each other but with the entire world. That which they had received they gladly endeavored to pass on to others.

### Tendency To Recoil

There is a tendency today to recoil from such an endeavor on the ground that what others have is what they've chosen for themselves and it is not good taste—perhaps, not even Christianity—to suggest that we have anything good to offer to those

who differ with us. Indoctrination and persuasion have become evil words to some. Any attempt to engender enthusiasm for the task of winning men to Christ and teaching them to understand the truths that account for the distinctive position which Baptists occupy is looked upon with suspicion. Especially is this true if such attempts are calculated to enlist greater numbers of people. We are continually being informed that numbers are unimportant and any man who will lower his voice one octave and put in a musical swing and say "Brethren, it's not more Christians but better Christians that we need" can get an amen that will rattle the windows. Sounds so pious. No one disputes that all of us need to become more Christlike. Even the great apostle to the Gentiles declared himself to be the chief of sinners, but instead of ceasing his activities and spending all his time upon self-improvement, he gave himself continually, becoming all things to all men that by all means he might save some.

Numbers in themselves may count for nothing but the greater number won to the acceptance of the Lordship of Christ and enlisted in a program of Christian growth, the more our Lord is honored. The word "promote" means to contribute to the development, establishment, increase or influence of. Why there should be any reluctance among Christians to promote Christianity, I am at a loss to understand.

And while I am speaking a word in defense of promotion, I would like also to say something concerning indoctrination. It is true that the term is sometimes used in a derogatory sense making it equivalent to what is called brainwashing, but the primary meaning of the word is to instruct or to teach. I find it impossible to understand the reasoning of a man who objects to endorsing that which he has found to be good and warning against that which he has found to be the opposite. If I have discovered one food to be exceedingly nutritious and strength-producing and another to be without value or even harmful, I cannot discharge my duty by simply showing my neighbor both foods and urging him to select whatever he wants. I

have an obligation to recommend and to warn. Through-out most of their history Southern Baptists have believed that this principle applies in the spiritual realm and have counted it a joy and a privilege boldly and lovingly to transmit the precious truths which they have received to all who would listen.

And their efforts were richly blessed. So well did they succeed that they were often a marvel and a puzzle to many who questioned the correctness of their methods and doctrines. Figures released by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 1953, showed that in the period from 1929 to 1952 several leading Protestant denominations had increased their membership by 31.9%. Roman Catholics had increased by 50.7%. All denominations together had increased 84.5%, but Southern Baptists had shown an amazing growth of 102.5%.

On October 3, 1961, the Christian Century, a magazine not conspicuous for its complimentary references to Southern Baptists, carried an article by a writer identified as an Episcopal rector entitled "What Makes Southern Baptists Tick?" The author stated that Southern Baptists had added 4,000 churches in a ten year period and gained 4,000,000 members in less than a generation. He spoke of them as "growing more rapidly than any comparable religious group in the United States," and referred to an increase in 25 years that was greater than the total membership of his own communion. He then gave his analysis of Southern Baptists' methods and doctrines in an attempt to explain their amazing success. I find this article to be quite discerning, relevant and timely in 1967.

### Summarization Given

Here, in a summarized and abridged form, are some of his observations.

(1) Southern Baptists sponsored a type of church program directed to the great middle level of society in which working people, a rich people can feel at home.

(2) They stress a rural note and thus transplant a country way of life to the cities. Since the vast majority who populate our urban areas are not more than one generation removed from the rural scene, this has for them a great ap-

peal.

(3) The local independence that characterizes Southern Baptists makes it possible to vary the type of worship service to fit any particular constituency.

(4) They have numerous organizations and study classes for people of every age and condition and the church doors are open almost every night.

(5) Laymen have a leading part in these church activities.

(6) The continual importance of the Sunday school among these people contributes to their amazing growth.

(7) They sponsor a music program in which all may participate. It thus contributes tremendously to morale, sociability and fellowship.

(8) They have an aggressive denominational press.

(9) They show an increasing social consciousness. Among other things this has caused Southern Baptists, according to the writer, to make their seminaries inter-racial before this step was taken by "denominations with much more loudly enunciated inter-racial ideals."

(10) The major cause for Baptists' growth has been their biblical emphasis. The Bible is still the basis of most Baptists' sermons. (I hope this is still true in 1967.)

(11) The doctrines of the Southern Baptists are simple. The doctrinal position of a Southern Baptist requires no intricate confession nor patristic creed to state, and it is in terms that the humblest can understand.

Sixteen years have passed since that article was written. There have been many changes and Southern Baptists have gained on some fronts. In our relations with our fellow Christians of other communions, we have been blessed. Interdenominational dialogues are very much in the news today, and Southern Baptists have something to contribute and something to receive in this area, but we must never forget that the most important dialogue in which a Christian can engage is one with a non-Christian, one who needs to become a follower of our Lord. It seems very unwise to spend all of our time in exploring differences and similarities of Christian beliefs while most of the world remains outside the Christian fold.

Yes, many changes have

taken place in these 16 years and we have perhaps gained in social standing, political influence, and prestige. Even the Christian Century is not so caustic in its references to Southern Baptists as in former years. In October 1965, it actually complimented Southern Baptists for "awakening to the fact that there is a relation between the religion we profess and the world we live in." It even goes so far as to say that there is a spirit of world consciousness rising among Southern Baptist leadership.

But the subject "What Makes Southern Baptists Tick" would stir little interest today. In the last three years the number of baptisms has shown a decrease each year, and in 1966 there was a decline as well in Sunday school, Training Union, WMU, Brotherhood, in fact, in nearly all areas of denominational achievements on which statistics were compiled.

There is no doubt about the answer to my second question. Something has happened to the ticking. It has not stopped, thank God, but it has certainly slowed up. Now what should we do about it?

Many voices are raised in criticism and accusation and practically every phase of our denominational life has been singled out by someone as being responsible for our failure. Some say we should get rid of the clock and buy a new one. Others suggest that we should share a clock with a number of our neighbors, even though his own timepiece may be more erratic than our own. We are in danger of majoring on self-criticism to the extent that we promote the very thing we are attempting to alleviate. Some seem to consider it a triumph to find and expose every apparent weakness and practice in our organization. We would do well to remember that the one who is always taking his pulse and checking his blood pressure runs the danger of actually bringing about the condition he fears. To emphasize the faults of an institution while ignoring its virtues, is a sure way to bring about destruction. In past days there may have been too much boasting and self-applause among Southern Baptists. Let us not go to the other extreme and wallow in self-condemnation with a lack of wholesome appreciation for

what God has given us.

### Time For Self-Examination

It is indeed a time for earnest self-examination, but it is by no means a time for pushing the panic button and throwing the clock out the window.

Baptists have gone through periods of decline before, when, because of certain political, social or economic changes, the ticking has faltered. But always when they held true to their foundation principles they emerged with honor. They have a built-in, automatic adjustment mechanism which enables them to adapt their methods to each varying situation. Loyalty to the Scriptures keeps the right goal before them, and church autonomy enables them to alter their methods. When revolutions take place and conditions so change that a church is unable to make progress, the members do not have to wait for a ruling by some ecclesiastical authority in order to adjust their program to the needs of the hour. Each church faces its responsibility to its community and to the world and works out the methods by which it can best proclaim the love of God and the lordship of Christ. So there is a continual renewal of the church going on among Baptists and sometimes their greatest progress has been made in times of greatest change.

Almost two centuries ago our nation faced such an era of great change. Within a period of a few years the political and to a great extent the economic, social and even religious ties that had bound us to England for 150 years were severed. Baptists adjusted themselves to these startling changes. In 1776 Baptists in America numbered one in every 264 persons. 24 years later the ratio was one in 53. Thus they showed their ability to accept change and fit themselves into a new environment.

And so it is with Southern Baptists. They are not failing. In 1880 one in every 51 persons in the United States was a Southern Baptist. Fifty years later in 1910, the ratio was one in every 39. In 1940, it was one in every 25, and in 1966, it is one in every 17. That is the kind of failure of which I delight to be a part.

Remembering always our need for divine guidance and

ever acknowledging our dependence on a Power above and beyond our own, we must honestly and boldly look at the task before us and accept our responsibility to our own generation.

Sometimes I have seen a clock helped by a good shaking and perhaps Southern Baptists need that kind of treatment. Sometimes a clock needs cleaning and we must continually examine ourselves under the searchlight of God's Word to see if we're incrustated with that from which we need to be purged. Sometimes the clock falters because it is not level. When we over-emphasize one point of Christian action and neglect another, we hinder the ticking.

But, honestly, it seems to me that we need no survey, no Booz-Allen-Hamilton report to help us in our dilemma. Our Episcopalian brother of 1951 has given us a clear picture of what made us tick then and what will make us tick now in this complex time of change. I can think of no better way to close my remarks than to read you his concluding paragraph.

"The preaching of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith is the strength of the Baptist message. Many who might not agree with all niceties of Baptist interpretation are attracted with the preaching of redemption and forgiveness. The modernist interpretation of a generation ago has lost, by default. A more liberal interpretation has at times been too diluted to stand in a world of conflict and fear. Institutionalists have survived but not with much attraction for the present generation. But the people of this land, not only of the South, perhaps not only of this land, are still hungry for the faith of their fathers — the Gospel of the God who died for them on Calvary. Southern Baptists would be the last to claim that they have a monopoly on this, but the tired worker and the stumbling sinner, who is each of us, is always at home whenever he hears of the mercy of God and the love of Jesus."

May God help us to keep that clock ticking.

President's Message, State Convention, the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, held at Reno, Nevada, November, 1967. Reprinted from California Southern Baptist.



# Sunday School

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## Names In The News

**Rev. and Mrs. Billy Morgan** missionaries to Brazil, arrived home with their three children shortly before Christmas for a short-term furlough. Mr. Morgan was born in Mississippi but reared in Memphis. Mrs. Morgan, nee Noreta Smith, is a native Memphian. Both attended Mississippi College. Mr. Morgan graduating there to go on to Southwestern Seminary. He held pastorates in Mississippi and Tennessee before going to Brazil. Until mid-April, they may be addressed at 604 Shotwell, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Rev. Bob Maddux** of First Church, Isola, has accepted the pastorate at Pelahatchie Church and has moved on the field. He and his wife have a month-old baby and one other child.

**Rev. Vance Dyess** has accepted the pastorate of Sunshine Church Rankin County. He and Mrs. Dyess, who moved Christmas week, have four children: David, 15; Belinda, 13; Van, 9; and Luann, 7. Mr. Dyess was pastor at Star for the past five years and seven months.

**Rev. Bill Mitchell** was in December named as William Carey College's Most Outstanding Alumnus of the Year 1967. Both he and his wife are

graduates of the college. Mr. Mitchell, now pastor of Rawls Springs Church near Hattiesburg, formerly served for nine years on the staff of William Carey.

**Miss Margaret Fairburn** of Tylertown has been selected to appear in the 1967 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN OF AMERICA, an annual biographical compilation of 6,000 outstanding young women, between the ages of 21 and 35, who have made outstanding contributions in civic endeavors, religious, professional, and political activities.

**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith** Boland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 24, with an open house at their home in Arcola. Their pastor, Rev. Glynn Wiggins, conducted a brief family devotion, preceding arrival of guests. The Bolands were married in Blue Mountain by

**Rev. George S. Kelly**, pastor of Milan Church, Milan, Georgia, has accepted a call to become pastor of Burke Memorial Church, Princeton, West Virginia. Former pastorates included First Church, Lyman (Gulf Coast Ass'n), and Director, Unetia Street Mission of First Church, Hattiesburg.

## Two Baptist Programs Slated On Two New ABC Radio Networks

**FORT WORTH (BP)**—The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has begun production of two new radio programs for use on two of the new American Broadcasting Co. (ABC) radio networks.

The two new programs are called Pendulum, which is a religious variety program; and MasterPeace, a program of classical and semi-classical music masterpieces.

Both were premiered on the new ABC radio networks on Jan. 7, 1968. Beginning with the new year, ABC radio formed four separate radio networks, each tailored for a specific type of listening audience.

The four new ABC radio networks are called the American Contemporary Radio Network, the American FM Radio Network, the American Entertainment Radio Network, and the American Information Radio Network.

MasterPeace, the new Baptist music program, will be

heard on the ABC Entertainment Network, boasting 150 stations. Pendulum, the variety program, will be heard on the Contemporary Network with 100 stations.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, said that it was significant that ABC radio executives had extended an invitation to the commission to develop two new programs for the new networks, for it indicates the confidence of the industry in the quality of Baptist religious programming.

## Enon (Walthall) Has New Pastor

**Rev. Bendon Ginn** is the new pastor at Enon Church in Walthall County. He is a native of the county and a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

At present he is studying at New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Ginn and his wife have moved into the pastor's home last week and will be here each weekend until May. At that time they will be coming to spend summer on the field.

For four nights recently, Mr. Ginn led the Adults and young people in a splendid study of Luke.

## Beacon (Lebanon) Now Debt-Free

**Walter R. Reeder**, pastor of Beacon Baptist Church, on Route 6, Hattiesburg, announced the payment of the church's central air conditioning and heating system debt by a "note-burning" celebration Sunday evening, January 7th.

This event signified that the church is now debt-free and can proceed with its extended building program.

The annual 1967 progress report from Beacon records the addition of 38 new members through the past year.



**FAITH AT 108:** Grandma Natoruck Tucker, who is about 108 years old but still agile enough to live alone, surely is the oldest (and probably most colorful) Christian in Fairbanks, Alaska, and perhaps the oldest Southern Baptist in the world. She is a member of the Friendship Baptist Mission, where Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs serve as missionaries. Grandma attended services for two years, had a deep experience with Christ, but she used "too old" as an excuse for not making a public profession. She did it, however, in 1965, and in 1966 finally overcame the same excuse again and was baptized. Currently, Mrs. Isaacs is teaching Grandma to read and write. So far, she can write her name, Jesus and J-O-H-N, with the period because that's the way it is in her Bible. (Home Mission Board photo by Don Rutledge.)



**Rev. Charles W. Wiggs**, administrator of Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital, Pusan, Korea, presents a gift to a mother whose baby was born while the hospital was observing founders' day in November: Miss Kim, supervisor of nurses, holds the baby. Others pictured are Dr. T. Eugene Douthitt, Jr. (left), Mrs. Charles G. Tabor (back to camera), director of nurses, and Chaplain Lee. The hospital's new six-story building in downtown Pusan is nearing completion.

## A Mother Teaches Tithing

By Frank G. Haley

A tithing testimony is like a conversion experience, it cannot be changed. You've heard mine before. My first job came when I was about ten years old. An old ex-slave was the distributor for the Jackson Daily News in my home town. He often let the young boys deliver papers for him, paying one cent per paper delivered. More than he made out of it. My first route was for fifteen papers. He would pay each day after the papers were delivered. When I got home, happy over my earned money, I rushed to show it to my mother. In her calm, sweet way she asked if I did not want her to keep the Lord's part. His tenth. Until Sunday. Then came my first battle with Satan over the tithe, though I didn't recognize it as much. How could we divide a penny? Mother's solution was to take three cents every other day. So, Satan lost to a God-loving mother.

I wish I could say that I have tithed ever since that day, but I cannot. For many years Satan won out with his many plausible excuses for me not to tithe. Though I gave into him for many years, I could never get away from that experience with my mother and my Lord's command. "The tithe is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord."

Many, many years ago my wife and I started setting aside, before deductions, the Lord's tenth from whatever money with which God blessed us. We have also tried to tithe our time and our talents. Now it is much easier to meet the temptations of Satan in all areas. It seems that a barrier has been removed between God and us. For we have committed unto God, His portion.

Now since we do tithe, our money seems to go further. God has kept His promise of pouring out blessings from Heaven. Surely the windows of Heaven have been opened, and though our tithe is small it has opened a channel of communication that did not exist before with God.

Satan does not give up. He keeps bringing up reasons why we cannot tithe. You know... wait until next year... next raise... skip this month... we need a vacation... a new car... a piece of furniture... clothes... and so on and on. But now since we have committed our tithe to the Lord, we have no trouble or problem with the pledge card each year... that is decided. Now we only have to decide what our offering will be and where it is going. Our tithe must go into God's storehouse with no strings. If it is misused or mis-spent the ones responsible will have to answer to God... not me. The offering we feel we can designate.

Do you tithe? God does not need the tithe but He does need the tither. In the light of the Cross and the offering Christ made there, and in obedience to God's command, won't you try it this year? Experience firsthand the joy, the satisfaction, the relief of knowing that you are no longer robbing God. To your parents, I would urge you to plant in your young children's hearts, as my mother did in mine, in her quiet insistence on my first pay day... that "The tithe is the Lord's." Mr. Haley is Chairman of the Deacons, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

## 9,200 Attend IVCF Conference

**URBANA, ILL. (EP)**—From North America and four other continents, 9,200 students and professionals gathered here on the campus of the University of Illinois to "face the burning issues of the day" at the 8th triennial missionary convention of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

In his keynote speech Dec. 27 at the start of the five-day convocation, David Adeney of Hong Kong told the hushed group that "if you know the power of God in your life, you will go back to campus to face the burning issues of the day, to love and learn, and yet to maintain conviction and humility."

The associate general secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES), was substituting for an ailing Billy Graham first speaker. Evangelist Graham sent greetings from his hospital bed in Montreat, North Carolina: "I deeply regret that an extended bout with virus pneumonia prevents me from being with you. Be assured much intercession will be made on your behalf."

The Rev. Warren Webster, missionary to Pakistan for 15 years with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society, said "missions are the task of the whole church from all the world. The home base for missions can no longer be one or two countries," he said. "It is necessary for the whole church to bring the whole Gospel to the whole world."

## MC Receives Library Grant

Mississippi College has received an attractive grant from the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, it was announced this week.

The grant made to the Leeland Speed Library of the college was one of 90 selected from among 405 applicants according to the ACRL Grants Committee.

The grant program this year was made possible by the McGraw Hill Publishing Company, Olin Mathieson Charitable Trust, Pitney-Bowes, Inc., the United States Steel Foundation, Inc., and H. W. Wilson Foundation. The Library Bureau, Remington Office Systems Division, Sperry Rand Corporation, made a substantial contribution for the purchase of equipment.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—  
The Meaning Of The New Birth  
Greater Than Moses

By Clifton J. Allen  
John 2:13 to 3:36

The necessity, mystery, and reality of the new birth are at the heart of the truth of the Christian gospel. Our lesson, therefore, has to do with a basic Christian doctrine. Following the first miracle in Cana, Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover. He exercised his authority in the Temple by driving out those who were making commerce out of religion and thus showed his superiority over the Temple system, declaring a truth that pointed forward to his crucifixion and resurrection. The discourse with Nicodemus on the new birth was a further setting forth of the nature of the new life which Jesus came to give to all who would believe in him as the Messiah and Saviour.

## The Lesson Explained INTERVIEW AT NIGHT (vv. 1-2)

It is important to understand Nicodemus. He was a Pharisee and thus a member of the party zealous for Judaism, a party saturated with religious bigotry and hypocrisy. He was recognized as a teacher of religion; he was a ruler of the Jews and a member of the Sanhedrin. Obviously he was a person of moral character and of prominence and influence. As an earnest though cautious seeker after truth, he came to Jesus. Why "by night"? Likely because he feared criticism on the part of influential friends. Even so, he mustered up enough bravery to come, seeking for something which his religious orthodoxy, culture, and personal morality had not supplied. It seems certain that Nicodemus was searching for new insight about religious experience.

## THE BIRTH FROM ABOVE (vv. 3-8)

Jesus swept formalities aside. He went straight to the need in Nicodemus' life, the basic need in every person's life: the necessity for the new birth. Without this one cannot see or understand the kingdom of God. True religion means being rightly related to God. It requires more than observing religious ceremonies and practices, more than being honest and morally respectable, more than being cultured, more than believing and repeating a creed, more than doing good deeds, more than being a member of a church. Jesus declared that one must be "born from above"—this is an absolute necessity. The phrase "born of water" is variously interpreted: the natural birth, baptism as a symbol, or water as a symbol for the truth of the gospel. Of this we can be certain: whatever is of flesh, is not enough. One must be regenerated by the Holy Spirit—born from above—if he is

to enter into the kingdom of God.

## THE WAY OF FAITH (vv. 9-15)

Nicodemus ought to have understood his need of God's forgiveness and his own helplessness to fulfill God's purpose. But his mind was warped, and his thoughts were centered on his position as a Jew. He was more concerned to understand the how of religious experience than the power of God. He needed to see Jesus, not only as a teacher come from God but as the Son of God sent to save the world. Jesus declared that the new birth comes by faith. The fulfillment of his mission would call for self-giving on the cross. To interpret this truth Jesus reminded Nicodemus of the uplifted serpent in the wilderness, the means provided by God for the healing of the people. Thus Jesus declared the necessity for his own death on the cross to save sin and perishing humanity. The birth from above is made possible by the atonement of Christ. Whoever believes in Christ with trust and love and obedience will not perish, but will have eternal life.

## Truths to Live By

**The Christian is a new creation.**—There is something radically wrong with human nature. Nowhere is this fact faced more seriously or declared more forthrightly than when Jesus said: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." It follows that the Christian, having experienced a birth from above by the power of God's Spirit, is, indeed, a new creation in Christ. The Christian's life is changed at its source, in its quality, for now the Christian partakes of the very nature of God. He is a son of God.

**The new birth means new power for a new kind of life.**—This wondrous transformation is wrought by the Holy Spirit when a person responds to Jesus Christ with penitence and faith and with desire for acceptance into the family of God. But the essence of the new life is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit himself in the life of the believer. Thus there is deliverance from the bondage of evil, and, instead, freedom and power to do what is well pleasing to God. There is hunger for love and truth because there is kinship with Jesus Christ. There is a "sense of calling, of vocation, of mission, because the Christian is a servant of Christ the Lord.

**The searcher will find the truth.**—Whoever comes to Christ with searching earnestness will discover truth. Christ does not ask for blind acceptance but open-eyed faith. He does not stifle inquiry, neither does he condemn doubt, if only a person will come to him with contrition of heart and humility of spirit and openness of mind. Whoever will listen to him and respond with repentance and faith and love will find the truth about the God of love and the blessing of righteousness and the hope of eternal life.

By Bill Duncan  
Hebrews 3:1-6

The writer of Hebrews starts with the idea that Jesus is the full and supreme revelation of God, and it is only through Jesus Christ that a man can have access to God. Jesus was superior to the prophets and angels and now even

Moses. To a Jew, Moses held a unique place because he was the direct recipient of the law and supreme leader of Israel. It was impossible for a Jew to think that anyone could stand closer to God than Moses did. Moses had come by tradition to rank higher than the angels themselves. In this passage, one can see that the writer of Hebrews is trying to prove that Jesus is greater than Moses.

When men begin to wander in faith, it is good that the persons go back and restudy Jesus Christ. This is what the author is trying to present here. The greatest assurance to our faith is Jesus Christ. The word used to describe this study is translated, "consider or fix their attention on" Jesus. This means more than just to look, for it involves "a concentrated gaze in which we gird up the loins of the mind in a determined effort to see its meaning for us." This is the same word used by Jesus when He talked of the ravens, "consider the birds." Understand and learn of them, Luke 12:24.

The people who are called to consider Jesus are particular Christians who he calls the holy brethren. They are set apart people who are sharers in a heavenly calling. The invitation, the summons, the call that comes to a Christian has a double direction. It is from heaven to heaven. Therefore, the upward calling needs our concentrated attention because of the source and its purpose.

**The Person of the Ministry**  
In showing Jesus greater than Moses, a comparison of their ministry is given. Jesus is shown as an apostle and High Priest. It is interesting that no other writer of the New Testament spoke of Jesus as an apostle, and this author never refers to any man as an apostle. The word means "one who is sent forth." In considering Moses, we need to keep in mind Exodus 3:10 where God said, "I will send thee unto Pharaoh," that he might be an instrument in God's hand for the redemption of Israel from Egypt. So God sent Jesus to

redeem and lead the new Israel into a full redemption for them. So at this point, there is a comparison of the ministries of these two. Jesus came from God, and his work was greater than that of Moses because his ministry was complete and he was able to accomplish that for which He was sent. Jesus is our High Priest, and He is able to speak to God for men and to speak to men for God. Jesus is the only person through whom man comes to God and God comes to man. Although Moses was able to speak to God for the people of Israel, he was not able to fully reveal God to man because of his imperfections. In Jesus we are able to see what God is like. Jesus was God. Therein lies the superiority over Moses.

## The Builder of God's House

The house of God refers to the people of God's family. In the ministry of Moses, he was not charged with the responsibility of building up the house for it was already in existence. (Hebrews 11:2). Moses himself was a part of that house and even though he was faithful in the house of God, he was not its builder. Jesus founded the house of old and "out of those like Moses He built the house." Since the builder is greater than the house, so Jesus is greater than Moses. Jesus had already been shown as the creator of the universe, and Moses was a part of that created world.

Jesus is shown to be superior over Moses because Moses was a servant in God's house while Jesus was a Son over the house and over Moses. (Verse 5). All that Moses ever said was a pointer to the greater things that Jesus Christ would one day do and say. Moses' witness was of things yet to come. This witness was fulfilled in Jesus. As a Son, Jesus ministered to his people, and Moses ministered in the house in the role of a servant. Moses was a servant and Jesus was a Son. "Moses knew a little about God. Jesus was God."

The house will only stand whenever stone in it is strong. Each one of us is like a stone in the church. ("As living stones are built up a spiritual house," 1 Peter 2:5). If one stone is weak, then the building is endangered. The church is only strong when each member is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ. Therefore, each member is urged to hold fast and be proud and confident of the hope one has in Jesus Christ.

## Dr. Todd Honored By Speech Group

The Mississippi Youth Congress meeting for its 20th annual session in December with 40 schools and colleges from across the state attending passed a resolution commending Dr. H. B. Todd, president, Mississippi Speech Association, and head, Department of Speech, Mississippi College.

The unanimously passed student written resolution in part says, "The capable leadership of Dr. H. B. Todd has rendered great help toward furthering the education of youth in this state," and further cites Dr. Todd as, "Being one of the most outstanding and cooperative education leaders in our state."

Dr. Todd has been a member of the Mississippi College faculty since 1949 and has been elected president of the Mississippi Speech Association twice, first in 1954-55 and again in 1967-68. Dr. Todd directed the Mississippi Youth Congress in 1951.

Both members of the Todd household have been active in speech work and have accomplishments to show for it. Dr. Julia Todd (Mrs. H. B.) directed the Mississippi Youth Congress in 1954 and was elected president of the Mississippi Speech Association for 1962-63.

To love is to be in all ways to another human what God is to me.—Howard Thurman.



Dr. H. B. Todd



Dr. Julia Todd

ATTALA COUNTY

## Missionary Addresses GA's

Girls' Auxiliary members from seven churches in Attala Association met November 24th. to hear Miss Margaret Fairburn, missionary to Liberia.

Miss Fairburn told of her work on the mission field and showed slides of Liberia and the people there. Association GA Director, Mrs. Clyde Wroten of the McCool Church, was in charge of the program. Out of an enrollment of 120 girls in Attala County, there were 68 present. Twelve Counselors were also present with the girls.

Pews were marked with Pom-Poms made of crepe paper in the GA colors: green, yellow, and white. Behind the pulpit in large letters was the theme: "Advancing in Wisdom." A corsage made of GA colors was presented to Miss Fairburn by Mrs. K. B. Fowler from the Girls' Auxiliaries as a token of love and appreciation for her dedication to the mission cause in Liberia.

After the service, the girls' and counselors enjoyed refreshments in the dining hall of the church. The added attraction to the table was a large bowl of yellow punch with cookies and in the center of the table were selected colors of mums for the special occasion.

Mrs. K. B. Fowler, Association W.M.U. President, served as chairman of the refreshment committee. The meeting was held in the Ethel Baptist Church with the ladies of the church serving refreshments.



SIXTY-EIGHT GIRLS from seven churches in Attala Baptist Association attend joint meeting November 24th. The churches represented were: McCool, McCool, First Church Kosciusko, Second Church Kosciusko, Parkway, Ethel, and Williamsville.



TWELVE COUNSELORS with the Attala Baptist Association's Girls' Auxiliaries pose with Margaret Fairburn, missionary to Liberia. They are: First Church, Mrs. Howard Wamble, Mrs. Robert Kelley, and Mrs. Dewitt Belk; Second Church, Mrs. G. W. Hester, Parkway, Mrs. Billy Williams; Williamsville, Mrs. Harold Burkes; McCool, Mrs. H. C. Adams; Ethel, Mrs. Aaron Lewis and Mrs. Billy Clarke; McCool, Mrs. W. M. Blaine, Mrs. Percy Rainey, and Mrs. Clyde Wroten, Association GA Director; Miss Fairburn standing by the pulpit.

## Carey Personnel Will Serve As Advisory Group

Mrs. Elma McWilliams and Dr. David Gruchy, both William Carey College faculty members, have been issued an invitation to participate as Curriculum Advisory Teachers to the Mississippi Instructional Television Curriculum Laboratory.

Out of over 600 individuals who were nominated to assist as advisors in this significant undertaking, only 250 were selected. The decisions were made on the recommendations of a committee of 16 educators from various parts of the state.

Mrs. McWilliams is from the Department of Education and Psychology, and Dr. Gruchy is Chairman of the Department of Biology.

The Mississippi Instructional Television Curriculum Laboratory has been established to determine the best ways in which educational television can be used as an instructional tool in our elementary schools. Plans have been made to involve each participant in Saturday planning meetings at the Laboratory approximately six times over the next six months.

The first meeting of the committee will be held on Saturday, January 13, 1968 in Jackson.

## Mrs. Ford Retires After 37 Years

NASHVILLE (BP)—Mrs. Agnes G. Ford, assistant for special projects in the Sunday School Board's office of public relations, since January 1, 1967, retired December 31, after serving the board more than 37 years.

Various duties Mrs. Ford has had at the board include several areas in sales and advertising; general assistant to the business manager and press representative, a job which she filled for 12 years.

A native of Carthage, Tenn., Mrs. Ford has bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in English from George Peabody College, Nashville.

## Buckner Baptist Benevolences Are Ready

DALEAS (BP)—Trustees for Buckner Baptist Benevolences have set machinery in motion for the beginning of a 10-year program which will lead to the welfare agency's 100th anniversary in 1979. A steering committee will formulate plans during 1968 for the centennial observation.

## The Evangelistic Conference is for EVERYONE Feb. 5-7, 1968



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## SWEDISH-SPEAKING FINNS VOTE CRUSADE PARTICIPATION

The executive board of the Swedish-speaking Baptist Union of Finland has voted for the union to participate with unions of three other countries in a 1969 Nordic Baptist evangelistic crusade.

The three other countries are Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. Because of similarities of their languages, the four groups will be able to share a common crusade theme song and to exchange ministers as evangelists during the crusade.—(EBPS)

## Brotherhood

### MAN AND BOY RALLIES

The Man and Boy Rallies for this year begin March 1 and close March 22.

We are urging all men and boys planning to attend, especially to eat the evening meal, to register through the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 39205, by sending \$1 registration fee per person planning to eat the meal. The registration fee covers the price of the meal.

The rallies will be held at the following places:  
Highland Baptist Church, Laurel—March 1  
First Baptist Church, Brookhaven—March 8  
First Baptist Church, Greenwood—March 15  
East Heights Baptist Church, Tupelo—March 22

The nature of the program is such as to provide for good Christian fun and fellowship. Missionary information, education, and challenge will also be provided.

—THIRTY



## DEVOTIONAL

## Do Unto Others

By Therman V. Bryant

Associate, Cooperative Missions Department

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."—Luke 6:31

Jesus spoke these words to His disciples. Their lives were to be surrendered to Him. God's redeeming love revealed through Jesus certainly justifies the commandments that we love Him with all of our being and our neighbors as ourselves. Obedience is in response to that love.

Those without Christ should be able to see Him as His light shines through the Christian. A close walk with the Master reveals more clearly His greatness, love and mercy. This helps one return good for evil, pray for enemies, and do good to them that despitefully use him.

The Bible teaches a soft answer turns away wrath. The tone of voice often reflects the attitude of the heart. God's children should be kind in all circumstances, even in response to unkind words.

The Christian's supreme desire should be to see lost people saved and Christians developed. As he desires others to live dedicated lives, influencing his loved ones and friends, so must he live to enrich the lives of others.

Many believe that the effectiveness of the pastor depends to a large degree upon the dedication of those in the pews. We would not limit the Holy One of Israel, but rather contribute to His work.

We would have others forgive when we are wrong, love us even though we have unlovely habits, and pray for us continually. May we become the kind, considerate, forgiving, loving Christians that we would have others to be.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." — II Corinthians 5:1. May we so live that others may have this home in heaven.



REV. MARK WRIGHT, of Jacksonville, Fla., recently called to pastorate of Delta City Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. Principals in the service are seen, from left: Rev. Joe Abrams, Clinton, who presented Bible; Dr. W. R. Haynie, Jackson, who gave charge to candidate and led questioning of ordination council; Mr. Wright; and Dr. Allen O. Webb, host pastor who preached the sermon.



Miss Betty Jo Lacy

## Hattiesburg First Names New Staffer

First Baptist church, Hattiesburg, welcomes this week its new director of youth education and activities, Miss Betty Jo Lacy.

Miss Lacy is a native of Hattiesburg, Arkansas. She is a graduate of Ouachita University (Baptist) with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She also attended the University of Arkansas. Miss Lacy holds the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Lacy taught high school in Hot Springs and Bauxite, Arkansas, before going into youth religious education. She has served as Director of Youth Education and Activities at Edith Street Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico; First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas; First Baptist Church, Lamesa, Texas; First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas; and comes to us from Park Place Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

She has written for the Intermediate Teacher, taught at Southern Baptist Assembly at Glorieta, New Mexico, has attended special seminars on youth vocational guidance and Training Union. Miss Lacy has led conferences in local churches, associations, and state-wide meetings.

Her responsibility in First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will be to work with the pastor and minister of education in projecting plans of work for

## U. S. Commission On Pornography Facing 'Impossible' Deadline

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — A prominent Disciple of Christ layman who will head the nation's new Commission on Obscenity and Pornography expects the group to take a "serious, open-minded look" at the relationship between pornography and anti-social behavior.

William B. Lockhart, dean of the University of Minnesota Law School who was appointed by President Johnson to head the 18-member commission, said pornography and obscenity are topics about which "we actually know very little and have guessed a great deal."

He said he accepted the assignment, "despite its obvious difficulties," because he feels there is "great need for enlightenment on this subject."

Dean Lockhart has long urged research into pornography's effect on the public, and particularly on the young.

He said the commission and

its staff of psychiatrists, psychologists and sociologists will try to identify the role of pornography in criminal acts.

The commission is scheduled to report its findings and recommendations to Congress by January 1970, a deadline Dean Lockhart calls "impossible." He said he would ask Congress, through the White House, for additional time to complete the work.

## Anderson Accepts Call To Indiana

Roy Lee Anderson, assistant to pastor at Broadmoor, Jackson, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, effective January 1, 1968.

Mr. Anderson has completed two and one-half years of work at Broadmoor where he spearheaded in Visitation and led in Adult Bible studies.

Ordained by Riverside Church, Clarksdale, in 1967, Mr. Anderson completed his study for the B.D. and M.R.E. degrees from Southwestern Theological Seminary in 1965. During his student days he pastored churches in Mississippi and Oklahoma.

Mrs. Anderson, a graduate of Mississippi College with a B.A. degree, is the former Betty Holman of Noxapater. The Andersons have four children: Lee, Tom, John, and Elizabeth. Their new address is 1750 Blue Water Court, Indianapolis, Indiana.



Rev. Roy Lee Anderson



Chaplain Hoyt Swann

## Former State Pastor Now In Navy Chaplaincy

Hoyt W. Swann, former pastor of Silver Creek Church of Lawrence County, is now a navy chaplain serving aboard destroyers near the demilitarized zone in Vietnam. He is staff chaplain for Commander Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two.

After graduating from Samford University formerly Howard College) with the Bachelor of Arts Degree, Chaplain Swann attended New Orleans Seminary where he earned the Bachelor of Divinity Degree, and also completed additional credits towards the Master of Religious Education Degree. While attending the seminary, he served two missions at Buras and Triumph, Louisiana.

Chaplain Swann is married to the former Carolyn Ann Sawyer of Hueytown, Alabama. They have two children.

## Temple, Forest Calls Pastor

Rev. Wayne E. Riley has accepted the pastorate of the Temple Church of Forest. He comes from the Toomsba Church, Lauderdale Association where he served as pastor for two years. His duties began at Temple Baptist Church on December 20, 1967.

Mr. Riley is a graduate of William Carey College and the New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Glenda Ivey of Quitman. They have three children, Eddie, 7, Judy, 5, and Becky, 4.

# Electronic Missionaries

By Alan W. Compton

Castro won Cuba with radio. Mexico is teaching the new world, of literature to her thousands who do not yet read, and the radio and television studio are the schoolrooms. Radio and TV have become the advance guard for social reform in practically every country in Latin America.

In the midst of this rapid growth of radio and television as instruments of change, Baptists in Latin America have dubbed radio and TV "electronic missionaries," veritable knights of wires and transistors, marching forth into every undiscovered place to present the gospel of Christ.

Radio and TV have been proved effective means of preparing the way for the more direct presentation of the gospel which must come later, that of personal testimony. A Guatemalan pastor reports that radio has been his calling card in every home in his village. His name is already known because the electronic missionary made the first contact.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, Baptists report that even though the high-rise apartment dwelling may be closed to a personal knock on the door, radio and television have been able to pass through walls of concrete, prejudice, and indifference to bring the message of love.

Baptists in many countries report the effectiveness of the electronic missionaries in their programs of perennial evangelism. Here radio and television have realized a marriage with literature, as both work together week by week, day by day. A letter arrives, a contact is made; the faithful mate, the written word, comes to aid radio and TV in bringing the individual to a more direct confrontation with Christ. This is done through outreach materials and Bible correspondence courses. Then the armies of local churches are called to send their troops in for personal contact with all who have responded.

It is estimated that in 1966 more than 13,000 letters were

received. These represent first contact responses. It is hoped that with new and improved programs and conservation methods, 50,000 first contacts will be realized in 1967.

The ever increasing evangelistic campaigns in Latin America have found a great ally in radio and TV, both as means of preparing the way for such campaigns and as instruments for giving vital information concerning time and place. Latin American Baptists have joined hands with Baptists of the United States and Canada for the Crusade of the Americas in 1969. The role the mass media will play in the campaign is already becoming obvious.

Latin American Baptists carry out their electronic ministry by producing programs for distribution to the literally thousands of commercial radio stations in operation throughout the Latin world. The most effective means has been through the establishment of small recording studios where programs are produced in a national atmosphere for distribution in a particular country. The recording studio also aids local churches or associations in the production of individual programs by providing tailor-made programs or program building materials.

In addition, the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention serves some countries with programs from their Spanish productions.

A high level of quality with a maximum of communicative material is the goal in every country. Baptists who produce in Latin America realize they are in competition with the commercial world and that their production must be acceptable to the industry as well as the hearer. New formats are being tried. Greater use of drama is being employed.

Although complete statistics are not available, it is believed that more than 558 Baptist radio programs and 25 TV programs went on the air weekly in Latin America last year. This is expected to increase greatly this year with the addition of recording

studios in several countries (nine studios are now in operation).

Only in the last few years has television become widespread enough to legitimately be considered a mass medium in Latin America, but now, just as in the early days of TV in the U.S., aluminum sticks are beginning to appear everywhere. Ride down a street in the humble town of San Pedro Sula in Honduras and truly be amazed at the number of people who will deprive themselves to have this entertainment.

Baptists have been evangelizing through TV in Latin America for around five years. They have been grateful for the Radio and Television Commission's "The Answer" series. Forty-eight of these films, dubbed in Spanish by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, have been aired time and again throughout the area. Some countries report having repeated the films as many as four times.

Although these materials have been effective, it is believed that now a move must be made toward more indigenous materials. Plans are being made to increase the number of live or video tape productions. Missionaries are receiving training during furloughs in order to take up this task. More program building materials and films are being planned as Baptists in Latin America prepare for the time (which should arrive within the next two years) when TV will be to Latin America the communicating giant it already is in the U.S.

From Mexico City—a city of several million people—a listener has written from a barrio (community) where there is no evangelical witness. Perhaps he will be the first convert of the electronic missionary among the teeming thousands of his barrio who do not know Christ.

(NOTE: Mr. Compton is radio-TV representative for Latin America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.)



Charles Ray Tarver was recently licensed to preach by the Hernando Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tarver of Hernando, and is a sophomore at Mississippi State University where he is majoring in history. He plans to attend New Orleans Seminary upon completion of his college work.

## New Dean Named

DALLAS (BP)—Kenneth V. Randolph, dean of West Virginia University's School of Dentistry, has been named dean of Baylor University College of Dentistry, effective Aug. 1, 1968. He will succeed Harry B. McCarthy, who will retire during the summer.



REV. ROGER CARLISLE, a junior at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, has accepted the call to serve as pastor at Hebron Church effective Jan. 12. For the past three years he has served as pastor of the Toxey Church, Toxey, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle are parents of five children. Roger Jr., 14, Sarah, 12, Sandra and Wanda, 11, and Chester, 10.

## Music

### Junior Festival Committee Selects Music

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(Junior Musician 1-67.)  
"I'm Goin' to Sing," arr. Work, Broadman octavo JF 013.

Copies may be purchased within two weeks at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Mississippi.

## COLLINS DONATES \$1 MILLION FOR BAYLOR MEDICAL PROJECT

DALLAS (BP) — A gift of \$1 million to Baylor University Medical Center here has been made by Carr P. Collins Sr., prominent Texas Baptist layman.

Collins' gift will go toward the construction of a center for continuing care, said Dewey Presley, chairman of the Dallas board of trustees of Baylor University.

The project will cost about \$3 million and will be named the Carr P. Collins Center of Continuing Care. It will be built atop a 500-car self-parking garage. The \$1 million cost of the parking garage is to be self liquidating, said Presley.

The center will be a seven-story structure providing facilities for 250 medical and surgical patients and 50 psychiatric patients.

Presley said the construction on the new facility would probably begin next fall with completion tentatively slated 18 to 20 months later.

## Danny Marc Moss Ordained

The Center Hill Church of Leake County having called Danny Moss as pastor requested of the Trinity Church, Carthage, his ordination.

Saturday night, November 4, 1967, a Council composed of Rev. Percy M. Cooper, Rev. A. A. Ward, Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, Rev. Henry Adams, Otis E. Sikes, Hooper Tolleason, G. C. Williams, H. C. Kemp, Mr. Dell Thornton, Hays Nazary, and Charles Nazary met at the Church for the purpose of examining Danny.

The church after receiving the Council's favorable report in conference, voted to ordain Danny Marc Moss.

Sunday after-noon, November 5, 1967, the Church set Danny apart to the full Gospel Ministry by ordaining him. Taking part: Rev. Henry Adams Scripture and prayer; Rev. Percy M. Cooper, sermon; G. C. Williams, ordination prayer; Otis E. Sikes presented Bible, Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, charge to candidate and the church. Benediction, Danny Moss.

## Representatives Of Seminaries Visit MC Campus

Representatives from five of the six Southern Baptist Seminaries visited the campus of Mississippi College this past week as the college observed the annual Seminary Emphasis Week.

Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities for the college, said that representatives from New Orleans Seminary, Southwestern Seminary, Midwestern Seminary, Southern Seminary, and Golden Gate Seminary were on hand to discuss their respective schools with prospective students.

Mr. Pope said the purpose of Seminary Emphasis Week was to allow students who are interested in going graduate work at one of the schools to receive first hand information on the seminary and to have answered any questions they might have regarding the seminary.

## Off The Record

"How do you expect a fellow to sleep in this awful hotel?" asked a guest. "Why, I didn't close my eyes all night!"

"No wonder you didn't get any rest," said the room clerk. "Everybody knows you've got to close your eyes to go to sleep!"

The customer was a would-be comedian.

"How much are your twenty dollar shoes?" he demanded of the salesman.

"Replied the salesman, who was on his toes, "Ten dollars a foot."



Gary Brent Shows

## Harmony Calls New Youth Music Director

Gary Brent Shows of Ellisville has accepted the call of Harmony Baptist Church of Laurel, as Youth Music Director.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shows, Gary has been a life-long resident of Jones County and Ellisville. He is attending Jones County Junior College. He has surrendered his life to the Ministry of Christian Music, and is majoring in music as he further prepares to serve in this capacity.

When Gary assumed his duties at Harmony recently, the church honored him with a reception following the evening services.

The Rev. Leroy O. Carven is pastor.